

DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the May 3rd, 2012 Meeting

Attendees: Nancy Gordon, Patti Blanton, Neal Callahan, Deanne Camp, Kevin Piercy (for Jeff Morrissey), Joye Norris, Jo Agnew Talley, Rose Utley, Gary Rader, Bill Piston, David White (via ITV)

1) Review of minutes from 3.1.12 DEC meeting

Meeting minutes were approved by all.

2) Bb dropping students during exams (reasons/remedies)- Kevin Piercy

Limited evidence to pinpoint specific issue and occurrences are fewer with Blackboard 9.1. It was determined to be typically one or a combination of: using Back-button on Browser instead of BB, multiple plug-ins and windows open, double-clicking the exam (creates 2 instances of test), workstation set-up, assessment set-up, or Java time-out. Kevin Piercy will prepare test-taking tips/advice and share with DEC on next steps for sharing.

3) Faculty survey overview- George Radier

Gary Rader sat in for George Radier.

The presentation identified issues and opportunities for improvement, discussion and enhancements. There was large discussion over student, self-checks/assessment and techniques. Suggestion of technique sharing seminar was posed to identify best methods for behavioral change. Nancy and Gary were requested to look at enhancement opportunities.

4) Faculty Senate vote: faculty review of modality changes on curricular proposals

By narrow margin, the Faculty Senate voted to provide course development approval for modality changes (includes ITV, iCourse, fully Online). The final wording is vague, leaving many questions open for discussion and responsibility. DEC was not included in prior discussions. It was noted that further administrative discussion is warranted with Dr. Einhellig. Dr. Einhellig will be invited to the next DEC meeting to provide insight.

5) Title III grant overview

MSU requested \$2 million in Title III funding to enhance the University's online and blended course offerings, technology-enhanced classrooms, and associated support services in four major areas. It was noted that funding awards have much competition.

6) Other

May 17th is listed as the next meeting. Potential for starting the meeting at 4 pm in consideration for BOG meeting (1:30 pm) in order to facilitate Frank Einhellig's attendance.

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