

DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the September 11, 2014 Meeting

Attendees: Deanne Camp, Stanley Leasure, Gary Iman, Patti Blanton, Stacy Rice, Gary Rader, Arbindra Rimal, Patti Salinas, Rose Utley, Lacey Geiger, Jeff Morrissey, Joye Norris, Lora Hobbs

I. Review of minutes from 6.12.14. Approved and seconded without revision.

II. Distance Education Committee Membership Review

The membership of the D.E.C. was reviewed. The current membership and term expiration dates were established as:

- Rose Utley, 2015 (second term)
- Patti Blanton, 2017 (second term)
- Crystal Gale 2016 (first term)
- Gary Iman, 2016 (first term)
- Stan Leasure, 2016 (first term)
- Arbindra Rimal, 2015 (first term)
- Patty Salinas, 2016 (first term)
- Chulapol Thanomsing (Standing)
- Joye Norris (Standing)
- Lacey Geiger (Standing)
- Gary Rader (Standing)
- Jeff Morrissey (Standing)
- Deanne Camp 2015 (second term)
- Laura Hobbs 2014 (first term)
- Stacy Rice (Standing)

III. Master Online Faculty Certification Report (Gary Iman, Kristi Oetting, and Stan Leasure)

The Master Online Faculty Certification subcommittee presented their findings. They discussed these identified areas:

- Barriers and Needs,
- Identifying Competencies,
- Identifying Current and Future Tools or Resources,
- Identifying Methods to Reach the Most, and
- Identifying a Mechanism and People to Provide Certification and a Meaningful Way to Display Certification. (*Handout attached.*)

Discussion included the possibility of a badge for each course, and then a certificate for the final body of work. It was established that the committee wants to encourage participation in this program – not to place hurdles in front of potential participants. The possibility of having the program be self-reporting was discussed, and essentially agreed upon. Gary

Iman, Gary Rader, and Kristi Oetting were requested to meet and discuss the technical side of building the system, and what the course certification would actually contain.

IV. Online Student Readiness Survey (Lacey Geiger)

The findings of the Online Student Readiness survey were presented. Only 24 students participated in the Summer pilot, and only 2 out of 24 indicated that they had not taken an online course before. It was suggested that demographic questions could be added to the survey. Lacey Geiger agreed to do research on how to distribute it.

V. Higher Learning Commission Matrix Review

The committee was requested to review the HLC Matrix and send feedback to Executive Assistant Jamie Hall.

VI. College of Business Committee

The committee was made aware that the College of Business has established an online coordination committee.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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