

DISTANCE LEARNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2010

Members Attending:

Х	Shanti Atashpoush	X Terri Beam, co-chair	X	Meghan Chen, co-chair	Х	Will Daland	X	Mike Dowdle
Х	Tamra Horton	X Mary Johnson	Х	Paul Kittle	Х	Charles McGruder	Х	Rich Patterson
Х	Carol Webster	X Jill Wilkerson		Student (vacant)				

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation	Rationale
None.	

COURSE REVIEW

Course ID	Title	Submitted By	Action/Comments
None.			

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ltem	Discussion/Comments	Outcome
Review of Minutes	December 8, 2009.	Approved via DLC listserv.
Membership Change Dwight Ayle retired in January so his position on DLC will be re-evaluated this spring when PAC conducts its annual review of college committees Charles McGruder has returned from his banked		Information only.
DL Faculty Listserv	Faculty who have been SPOT certified were added to a new DL Faculty listserv but also were given the option to be removed. Since we want to assure good communication with faculty who teach with technology – DL faculty, Blackboard users who do not teach DL courses, and elearn users – we are using DL Faculty listserv, Bb Faculty listserv, and DL Faculty Group and portal messages. In the future, we hope to consolidate means of communication so that faculty wouldn't be bombarded with duplicate messages.	Information only.
ITAC Update	Paul reported that all new computers are scheduled to have Windows 7 installed. He stated that ITAC is working on revising AP 3720, Computer and Network Use, and is creating an online directory which will be rolled out in three phases beginning with faculty.	Information only.
Online Assessments	DLC would like to conduct a study addressing online assessments with the idea of an instructor teaching two sections of the same class, one traditional and one in an online mode and then compare results from both assessments.	 An invite for volunteers to participate in the assessment study will be sent to the DLFaculty listserv. DLC were asked to bring other assessment ideas to the next meeting.

DL Event	Calibrating Our GPS: The Present and Future of Distance Learning at Mt. SAC," will be held on Friday, March 19, in LTC-160, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Administrators, faculty, and staff will be invited. Meghan and Terri will present the opening and a panel discussion and Q & A of College leaders will follow. A summary of topics and questions that may be asked will be given to the panel. The breakout dialogue/discussion sessions were divided as follows:	 Meghan will send flyer as an email invite to the campus. DLC members were encouraged to register. Questions for panelists and facilitators will be shared via the portal group as well as brought to the next meeting.
	 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Drivers Education: Updates on Blackboard training and SPOT certification Terri Beam – facilitator Mary Johnson Tamra Horton Full-Service vs. Self-Service Stations: Online Student Services and Academic Support Bailey Smith – facilitator Meghan Chen Will Daland Jill Wilkerson Snazzy Options for Your Vehicle: New Tools for Online Learning Carol Webster – facilitator Paul Kittle Shanti Atashpoush 	
	12:00 – 12:45 pm – Lunch • Blackboard 9.0 demo ○ Paul Kittle ○ Carol Webster	
	 12:45 – 1:45 pm Driver's Manual (for Avoiding Traffic School): Current Policies and Procedures on Distance Learning Terri Beam – facilitator Rich Patterson Tamra Horton – recorder Well-Traveled Path: Best Practices in Teaching Distance Learning Courses Mary Johnson – facilitator Charles McGruder Mike Dowdle New Horizon: Desire 2 Learn demo Meghan Chen – facilitator Paul Kittle 	
	 1:45 – 2:45 pm Road Rage: A Dialogue on What Has Worked or Not Worked Teaching Online Terri Beam – facilitator Rich Patterson Shanti Atashpoush Jill Wilkerson 	

DL Event cont'd.	 SIG Alerts: Communications on Blackboard System with Faculty and Students Mike Dowdle – facilitator Mary Johnson Tamra Horton - recorder New Horizon: Desire 2 Learn demo Meghan Chen – facilitator Charles McGruder 	
Other	A list of additions and changes proposed to the SPOT process was disseminated and approved by DLC.	DLC will send any additional ideas to Terri or Mary.
Future Meetings	Tuesday, March 9, 23; April 13, 27; May 11, 25 1:05 – 2:35 p.m., LTC-261	L

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