

Distance Education Committee Minutes

HLRC 112

November 20, 2013

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Members:

Alexander, Linda (Present)
Ichon, Eric (Present)
Manner, Kimberly (Present)
Sander, Nancy (Present)
Preziosi, Aimee (Absent)
Shepherd, Marlene (Absent)
Jones, Tamara (Absent)

Guests:

Kecken, Scott

I. Organizational Items

1. Meeting Called to Order at 1:08 p.m.
2. Minutes of the October 30, 2013 were reviewed. A correction was made to item II.2. M/S/A (Manner/Alexander)

II. Academic, Distance Education, and Professional Matters

1. Digital Design Studio Update

S. Kecken reported on the digital design studio, a grant-funded program to assist faculty in incorporating media, multimedia, or new technology in curriculum. Faculty can brainstorm with design studio staff on how to embed technology into their courses. He cited one example of a faculty member who is creating an audio repository for her classes.

S. Kecken also distributed a one-page handout of the services available to faculty. They are developing online modules to supplement their face-to-face offerings and resources.

The studio is in HLRC 114.

2. Next Semester's Meeting Schedule

We will continue to meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meetings will begin at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 26 at 2:30 p.m.

3. West Expressway

S. Kecken showed the committee how the students will navigate West Expressway (the online orientation module developed to satisfy the requirements of SB 1456). The online module includes pre-assessment activities and the online education plan.

4. Update on MOOCs from the Strengthening Student Success Conference

N. Sander reported on a panel on MOOCs she attended at the Strengthening Student Success Conference in October. Mt. SAC has a MOOC funded in part by a \$50,000 grant from the Gates Foundation to provide basic skills to students who could not be served by the college (due to basic skills classes being cut). They developed one Basic English MOOC with Coursera. It was well tracked and highly researched. What they found was that they attracted students from around the world, but not Mt. SAC students. They will work on targeting their own students next time. They also found that students who had never had access to education before were able to get access through the MOOC.

E. Ichon noted that Canvas will allow faculty to use a MOOC for free, including technical support.

N. Sanders will bring more details to the next meeting. She noted that we could invite the Mt. SAC presenters here to share what they did.

5. Quality Matters Retreat Update

Dates are finalized. It will be held June 13 to 15, 2014.

6. The CCCCO Report on Distance Education

Hard copies of the report were made available to committee members.

7. Report on LMS Task Force

The Distance Education Stakeholders Group (a DAS committee with representation from AFT) is hosting an LMS Task Force on Monday, November 25 at 2:00 p.m. at Los Angeles City College.

8. Report on Etudes Summit

E. Ichon and C. Helf attended the Etudes Summit. E. Ichon reported that the materials from the Summit are available. Contact him for copies.

III. Adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 26 at 2:30 p.m.