

Distance Education Committee DRAFT Minutes

Present: Suzanne Floyd, Linda Alexander, Nancy Brambila, Eric Ichon, Ana Figueroa, Alice Taylor

Linda Alexander,
AFT Representative

Nancy Brambila,
Academic Senate
Representative

Date: April 16, 2018
Time: 11:00 – 12:30 pm
Location: GC 210K

Ana Figueroa
Faculty
Co-Chair

Call to Order: 11:12 a.m.

Review, revision and approval of March 19, 2018 minutes—All
Tabled to next meeting.

Suzanne Floyd,
Academic Senate
Representative

DE Faculty Satisfaction Survey

Every year the CCC Chancellor’s office conducts a statewide survey of faculty teaching online classes and students taking them. The DE Committee reviewed the responses to West Los Angeles College’s Spring 2017 DE Faculty Satisfaction Survey.

Eric Ichon,
Administrative
Co-Chair

The Committee reviewed the survey in its entirety, paying close attentions to several areas including:

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Academic Senate
Representative

- Reasons for Teaching Online
- Years of teaching
- Types of Distance Courses Taught
- Awareness of the Online Education Initiative
- Student-Related Factors

Ken Taira,
AFT Representative

Alice Taylor,
AFT Representative

Open Educational Resources Grant Update

Eric Ichon is working on the OER Implementation Plan. West has to submit a listing of the courses that will potentially use OER between Spring 2019 and Spring 2020. If you are planning to use OER in the future, please notify him. If we get the grant, there will be funding for training on the use OER and other professional development supporting the use of OER. Deans may be able to help provide the information of how many courses are currently using OER.

In our May meeting, we will receive a draft of the grant Implementation Plan. A recommendation will be considered by the OER FIG regarding support of OER and the Implementation Plan. In addition, we need a Grant Coordinator who is a full-time faculty or staff member. It is possible that Cyrus Helf will take on this role. Eric Ichon is working on a flyer to encourage interested faculty to learn more about OER.

There will also be an OER Summit at LACC. Eric Ichon encouraged members to attend.

Linda Alexander,
AFT Representative

Online Education Initiative (OEI) Update

Expansion of the OEI Course Exchange has been paused, so that there is time to correct the connectivity issues that students entering the Exchange have been experiencing.

Nancy Brambila,
Academic Senate
Representative

Nationwide Portal Demo

West continues to work on its new nationwide portal at Onlinecollege.wlac.edu It is live, but content is still being added. The portal includes information about over 50 degrees and certificates, specific course requirements and provides information regarding typical careers one can obtain based on the degree earned. We are not publicizing the website yet.

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Proposed Title V Revisions

At May's meeting we will review some proposed changes coming to Title V. Removal of some Title V requirements have been proposed in addition to new requirements. For example, currently there is a requirement that online classes include "regular, instructor initiated contact". One of the proposed revisions is to change that to "substantive interaction". Proposed revisions include requirements that the DE Addendum to the official COR document how the course meets the substantive interaction requirement, meets course objectives, and how it fulfills ADA and Section 508 requirements. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

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Dr. Arnita Porter,
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Additional agenda items for the next meeting include:

- OER
- OEI Equity Model
- Online Education Initiative Consortium Update

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