



DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, May 2, 2011, 3:30–5pm, Room 1096, TLC

Attendees: Francine Van Meter, Georg Romero, Rory O'Brien, Kip Nead, Dale Attias

Bb Update

Renée is moving forward with a plan for managed hosting of Blackboard. It was approved at Tech Committee, and she is taking it to CPC, then the Board. Managed hosting will be funded by money that is earmarked for instructional use only and is not part of the base budget. It will also allow IT to repurpose their resources to other needs of the college in a time when they have open positions and a big project underway (SAN).

Dale talked about **course repeatability** and the talks that have taken place at the state and local level. There is no movement on it yet, but colleges in the future may be able to look at the number of students who took classes versus the number who withdrew in assesses policies regarding course repeatability. She stated the campus needs to pay attention to enrollment scans.

Georg gave an update on **LIBR100**, which is funded by the Title V grant and provides information literacy instruction to basic skills students. Ideally, the program will be expanded to more students. It is designed to address deficiencies in reading and writing skills, and encourage students to read the resources they find. According to Georg, their technology skills are “all over the map,” but students are quick to pick up skills when they are taught how. Over the course of the term, by and large, all students have shown progress and improved in the quality of citations. This course can be a building block approach to curriculum.

Francine provided a presentation on online learning and student success. (The PowerPoint slides are linked on the committee's page.) Topics included digital and information literacy, communication issues between students and instructors, best practices according to students, factors negatively impacting student achievement, and strategies for keeping students in class and increasing interaction.