

Santa Monica College

Distance Education Committee Minutes of May 14, 2013

Members: Sal Veas (chair), Julie Yarrish (vice chair), Jamie Cavanaugh, Dana DelGeorge, Peggy Kline, Peggy Kravitz, Mona Martin, Steve Myrow, Jenny Resnick, Odemaris Valdivia

Member(s) Excused: Dana DelGeorge, Mona Martin

Interested parties: Eve Adler, Kay Azuma, Teri Bernstein, Fariba Bolandhemat, *Ellen Cutler, Stephen Druker, Janet Harclerode, Dan Hurley, Laura Manson, Eve Mazzara, *Christine Miller, Waleed Nasr, Eric Oifer, *Wendy Parise, *Judith Remmes, *Marilyn Simons
*Present

The Santa Monica College Distance Education Committee was called to order by Sal Veas at 12:50 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of April 30, 2013 was made by Jenny Resnick, seconded by Peggy Kravitz was approved with one abstention.

Chair's Report:

- It was confirmed that the Turn-It-In eCollege integration is still on track and on schedule for a summer roll-out campus-wide.
- The Pearson APP test for iPhone and Android tablets is fully functional at Pearson Learning Studio. The SMC listing will be added to the groups of schools available.
- The Senate Bylaws and Scope of the Distance Education Committee was presented to the Academic Senate. A suggestion was made for one additional paragraph that would address the D.E. Committee's leadership role and responsibility for online curriculum. After discussion it was agreed the bylaws would include paragraph D: "Collaborate and coordinate on areas of mutual interest with the Curriculum Committee."
- MOOCs: An inquiry into the legality of using MOOC materials by other institutions will be made.

Ongoing Projects:

- D.E. Faculty Certification – Wendy Parise and Julie Yarrish: A rough draft of the Best Practices Checklist was presented and a general discussion ensued. Suggestions/recommendation/changes were put forward by the committee. The format of the document was also discussed. Sal will present a summary version to the Senate as an information item only.

Committee Members Discussion/Reports:

- During a very brief discussion of an L.A. Times article on cheating it was reported that statistically there is little to no difference between the number of cheating incidents in online classes versus on ground classes.
- After brief discussion there was consensus that different criteria and evaluation documents would be appropriate for online vs. on ground education.

New Business:

- This committee will provide guidance on agenda items for fall.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Distance Education Committee will be in Business 111 at 12:45 pm., Tuesday, May 28. This will be the final meeting of the spring 2013 semester.