

Santa Monica College

Distance Education Committee Minutes of September 6, 2011

Members Present: Jamie Cavanaugh (chair), Julie Yarrish (vice chair), Dana Del George, Dan Hurley, Peggy Kline, Jenny Resnick, Erica LeBlanc, Wendi Demorst

Members Absent: Keith Graziadei (excused)

Interested parties: Kay Azuma, Willis Barton*, Teri Bernstein, Fariba Bolandhemat*, Ellen Cutler*, Steve Druker* Janet Harclerode, Peggy Kravitz*, Laura Manson*, Eve Mazzara*, Christine Miller, Waleed Nasr*, Wendy Parise*, Marilyn Simons*, Odemaris Valdivia
*Present

The meeting of the Santa Monica College Distance Education Committee was called to order by at 12:50 p.m.

Approval of Minutes; Wendy Parise pointed out that the goals established and/or recommended by the previous committee were not included with the minutes of May 24, 2011. A motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2011 as corrected was made by Laura Manson, seconded by Erica LeBlanc and unanimously approved.

Chair's Report:

- Jamie Cavanaugh distributed a handout – “The State of Digital Education.”
- Jamie gave a brief presentation on the Academic Senate goals for 2011/2012.
- The Fall and Spring meeting schedule has been posted to the Distance Education committee web page.
- Among the topics/goals Jamie would like the Committee to explore are:
 - Ways to use technology in the classroom;
 - How to prepare for the future of digital education;
 - Blended classrooms;
 - Expanding faculty resources;
 - A faculty CMS survey and the process for selecting a CMS;
 - Integrating the student viewpoint into the CMS process by way of individual interviews;
 - Bringing a student representative onto the committee.

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Vice Chair's Report:

- Julie Yarrish reported that:
 - Annual Distance Education Program report to the Board of Trustees would take place at the 9/6 Board of Trustees meeting.
 - For the Fall 2011 semester the online offerings consisted of 295 sections with opening day enrollments over 11,000 (duplicated);
 - The Mobile site piloted the during the summer 2011 session and launched campus-wide as of fall;
 - The faculty duper tool will be rolled out in time for the winter 2012 session;
 - The eCollege contract was re-negotiated resulting in substantial additional savings.
 - Plans are being made for a series of faculty training webinars during the winter session. Please email her with your ideas for topics and preferences for day and time;
 - It was announced in July that Blackboard was bought out by a private equity firm;
 - Pending project - looking into the establishment of a task force to explore open source course management systems per the budget committee recommendation.

Committee Members Discussion/Reports:

- There was a brief discussion of the distinction between social media and classroom interaction and expectations.
- Questions were raised about whether we could migrate to another platform without disrupting Student Services.
- The issue of the fact that different disciplines have different needs must be factored into any discussion of moving to a different platform.
- Concern for the need for faculty certification was discussed and the point made that certification will be an accreditation issue.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Distance Education Committee will be Tuesday, September 20 at 12:45 p.m. in Library 275 (2nd floor, Conference Room).