

Distance Committee Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2012
HBC 102 – Minutes

In Attendance: Mario Aguilar, Terry Barksdale, Robert Bermea, Janet Bickham, Tina Buck, Maria Cisneros-Solis, Tasha Davis, Cecile Durish, Scott Gibby, Amanda Karel, Kirk Kelly, Anita McAuley, Teresa Moore, Clark Peterson, Al Purcell, Charles Quinn, Nick Sarantakes, Gaye Lynn Scott, Gale Spears, Susan Thomason, Raja Faris for Rey Valdez, Zoe Van Sandt, Voncille Wright, Bretton Johnson, Robert Cruse, David Weddell

Introductions were made since there were some new attendees.

Agenda Items:

Robert Bermea started the meeting by updating the group on technologies available to DL instructors. Included in the discussion were: Increased image size of ITV programs, (presented by Chuck Cruse), Arts and Humanities – Professional Development Day presentation of what HUMA instructors are doing in their classes, Blogs, Google Groups, Apple's iBooks, WebEx presentation by Herb Coleman, Facebook/Edmodo, Blackboard 9, CH 19 and WGU-Western Governor's University.

Clark Peterson updated the group on the status of ACC 101 (Admission) Workshop, ACC 103 (TOPS) Workshop, ACC 105 Distance Learning workshop. Clark also mentioned the possibility of peer tutoring or designated study groups in conjunction with Supplemental Instruction.

Teresa Moore of IDS brought the group up to date on and demonstrated one of the DL Workshops for faculty. A pilot test group will be convened after spring break to review the workshops.

Gale Spear, (for Juan Molina) provided the group with a FT Faculty Senate update on ACAC and DL Faculty Training project.

Kirk Kelly and Robert Bermea provided an update on the revised DL Faculty Evaluation instrument and how it is proceeding through the shared governance process.

Robert mentioned that DL will be conducting a DL Support Services and Technology Survey with DL students during the spring as part of the SSR process.

Because Testing Center issues had been brought up at a previous meeting, the committee had a discussion on this topic. The group felt that aside from needing more room to accommodate students, there were no pending issues that needed to be looked into.

Update/info from committee members:

Tina Buck – link exists on Blackboard page that connects student with Smarthinking

Teri Barksdale – mentioned the Library Faculty Survey

Voncille Wright – mentioned the DL Help page, Live person chatroom training to assist DL students in real time.