

Distance Education Committee
Meeting Summary
February 8, 2012 - Building 5, room 337

Members Present: Madeleine Murphy, Laura Skaff, Ron Andrade, Peter Bruni, Lorrita Ford, Eileen O'Brien, Teresa Morris, Carolyn Fiori

Guests Present: James Carranza, Chair Academic Senate
Kevin Henson, Dean, Creative Arts and Social Sciences

The meeting began with a discussion of a possible merging of some of the functions of the Technology Advisory Committee and the Distance Education Committee.

There has been some concern within the Academic Senate about a perceived proliferation of committees. There was a recommendation to IPC that a review take place with the possibility of merging functions of some of the College's standing committees. One of the ideas considered was terminating the Technology Advisory Committee and spreading some of its functions to other committees, including the Distance Education Committee. There was a conversation about how the functions may merge and whether the missions of the TAC and DEC are too disparate. The members of the expired committees would possibly be added to some of the remaining committees so that key priorities of the TAC would be carried forward and continued under other committees while other TAC initiatives may be retired.

The consensus of the DEC was that the discussed changes would be possible but they would require some additional consideration as they could result in changes in the charge, mission and name of the Distance Education Committee and that its current focus may be lost with the expansion of a broader educational technology committee that embraces some of the TAC plans/goals. The discussion of this proposal will continue at the next DEC meeting.

Committee members reviewed the status of the implementation of the 2010 DE Plan and updated the plan where necessary. Significant updates were the suspension of "live chats" in counseling; a survey of why DE students drop courses should be launched March 20, 2012; need to possibly revisit Goal 3, Objective 1 "Development of readiness assessment and remediation strategies".

A new draft of the "Distance Education @ CSM" flyer was distributed for committee comment at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: March 14, 2:00 pm -4:00 pm, 5-337

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