

Distance Education and Outreach Committee

Minutes- Debra Stone, Secretary

Meeting on October 11, 2018 2:00 PM

Present: Garcia, Nelson, Roark, Stone, Swafford, Weems

Absent: Chacon, East, Mazid, Sumption

1) Swafford- Review minutes from last meeting. Motion to approve, Nelson, second Stone. 2 yes, one abstain

2) Dr. Laurenz reviewed Proposed Changes to Distance Education Committee (Document Attached).
New Name Proposed to be Distance Learning Committee.

Comments by Dr. Laurenz included -that the committee has not been changed for some time. Because of recommendations from the Higher Learning Commission regarding distance education, ENMU must show their progress. The new recommendations will establish a similar procedure to the assessment committee but for online learning standards. The Proposed changes are attached and will increase faculty participation on the committee to eight members and reduce the administrative membership to four. The information from the committee will provide direction for program improvement overall as to distance learning. The new recommendations will be approved, amended or rejected by the current Distance Education Committee and then if approved in some form will be forwarded back to Dr. Laurenz and then on to University Council and Faculty Senate.

3) Old Business

Distance Education Survey- Comments below

Roark: suggest redesign survey, reduce comments using binary fields, will look for existing past data

Swafford: suggest survey after first of year, reduce number of questions

Weems: survey should be in spring, evaluate past surveys and results and give input to strategic planning committee

Stone: should we look at the past results from the current survey type before abandoning or changing the survey?

Garcia: spring semester good for inclusion of faculty voices, should we combine the current survey with input from distance education strategic planning? Suggest suspending survey this year and gather, aggregate past results including trends to provide to planning committee, and then to construct combined survey.

Garcia made a motion to suspend the annual survey for the current academic year in deference to the DL Planning Committee needs. Nelson 2nd, passed unanimously

4) Potential Focus Topics

Comments below:

Library Resources

Swafford: hub for online resources in library, maybe Nelson could demonstrate

Nelson: possible platform library guides, to demonstrate in next meeting

Roark: evaluate what is there and add to it

Process for integrating third party software

Roark: what we need is a process, need to work with IT

5) New Business

Discussion of Laurenz Proposal

Comments below:

Weems: discuss staggering of terms on committee

Swafford-: everyone on the committee should have been on campus for at least two years

Motion by Nelson- Move to Accept Dr. Laurenz's proposed changes to the Distance Education Committee as in the attached document and to move forward. Seconded by Weems. Unanimously approved.

Weems Motion to adjourn, seconded by Nelson,