

Distance Education Committee Minutes

September 27, 2004

Members present: Leaugeay Barnes, Doug Grenier, Jane Johansson, Diana Lurz, Myra Haulmark, Peter Macpherson, and David Tait.

David Tait called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm in room 249A of the Health Sciences building.

Minutes:

Diana Lurz moved that the minutes from the 13 September 2004 meeting be approved as corrected. Doug Grenier seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bartlesville campus:

Several concerns were raised about the Bartlesville campus's testing center policies as well as exam security. Myra Haulmark will discuss these issues with Dr. Richard Boyd and report back to us at the next meeting.

Evaluation and revision of online courses:

Two committee members had surveyed faculty members in their departments, and these committee members shared objections and comments concerning the evaluation and revision of online courses. Discussion followed on a variety of issues relating to the auditing of online courses including basic assumptions concerning online courses, ownership of online courses, and reasons why online courses are treated differently from traditional classes. It was suggested that organized research grant proposals written to revise online courses should contain an evaluation portion. Also, a teaching award should be given for the exemplary teaching of online courses. It was suggested by the committee that the draft of the evaluation and revision of online courses document be rewritten to reflect the exemplary course idea and the grant proposal idea. Suggestions were also made that there be a call for voluntary course audits and grant proposals relating to the evaluation and revision of online courses; this could be tied to the exemplary award idea.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

The next meeting will be on October 11, 2004 at 2:00 pm.

Submitted by Jane Johansson