

# Distance Education Committee Minutes

October 7, 2005

Attendees – Adele Register, Gary Rutledge, Diana Lurz, Peter Macpherson, Myra Haulmark

Absent: Larry Ashbaugh

First meeting for the Distance Education committee was called to order at 2:00 pm

## **Nominations for Secretary and Chair were completed:**

- Diana Lurz nominated Myra Haulmark as Secretary, second was by Gary Rutledge, vote was unanimous.
- Diana also nominated Peter Macpherson as chair of the committee, Adele Register seconded – vote was unanimous.

## **Old business reviewed and discussed:**

Since the committee has several new members, there was discussion and review of previous minutes in order to determine the course of this committees' focus.

## **New business:**

- Some discussion and question regarding the policy of adjuncts for online classes: the question/issue was raised that only adjuncts would be teaching online classes. Myra Haulmark will visit with Dr. Minks and clarify.
- Updates and discussion regarding WebCT, i.e. when the university will migrate courses

Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2005

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## December 2, 2005

Attendees: Larry Ashbaugh, Gary Rutledge, Peter MacPherson, Myra Haulmark, Adele Register, Diana Lurz

Absent: All members present

The meeting for the Distance Education committee was called to order at 2:07pm

Meeting minutes from the 10/07/2005 were approved. Diana Lurz moved to accept minutes – Gary Rutledge seconded.

Old business reviewed and discussed –

Myra was to clarify the rumor/question that has arisen regarding adjuncts teaching all online classes. Myra Haulmark did pose the question to Dr. Minks and he “no – not true”. Discussion: the added issue of whether there would be a limit to the number of online classes a regular faculty member will teach and the supervision of adjuncts teaching online; i.e., problems were described of adjuncts deleting all the online content, poor instructional methods, being technically illiterate, not following assessment criteria – the committee has decided to table this issue

New business: Adele Register circulated through e-mail (prior to the meeting) several new questions or possible agenda topics. They are as follows:

- How is the marketing for RSU's distance learning being addressed presently? Does the institution have an interest in reaching out to "real" distance students, or is the institution satisfied to have a high % of enrollees from within a 50 mile radius of the campus? This question significantly impacts the quality issues involved with distance education per se. *Myra Haulmark distributed an e-mail response from Brent regarding the current marketing scheme for online. Peter Macpherson and Adele Register commented that it seems to be a discipline related issue. Peter added that for the Information Tech degrees, that marketing would be an asset due to the widespread decline in IT positions or the perception that the market has shrunk.*
- What is the current status of the CV classes and what are the plans for the future for this instructional medium? *Myra Haulmark gave a brief overview of the current state of CV classes and the equipment itself. CV class delivery seems to be focused more heavily in some departments than others but CV classes.*
- Is there any special recognition of excellence in distance teaching - or is it just part of the overall, such as the current nomination process for excellence in teaching? *Discussion tabled till next meeting.*

Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for: 1/27/06