Welcome and Introductions
Attendees:
In Person:
  • Gwendolyn Lewis-Huddleston, Dean
  • Erica Tartt, Professional Development
  • Eileen Crump, Title V Cooperative Grant
  • Eric Mantinsen, English
  • Sharon Beynon, English
  • Sandy Hajas, Learning Resource
  • John Elmer, Educational Assistance Center
  • Ticey Hosley, Counseling
  • Mike McCain, Math

Documents received:
April 3, 2012 Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2012 Agenda
Distance Education Overview of Recent Changes, Additions, and Plans
SSB Bart Group Newsletter
Distance Education Committee Presentation Appendix A
VCCCD Participatory Governance Committee Self-Appraisal California
Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office website page
eLearners.com assess your readiness for enrollment in an online degree program
Free Online Tutoring email

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  • Gwen will email Distance Education Committee evaluation
  • D2L new version will be discussed at the district wide distance education committee to determine when new version will be released to colleges
  • John recommended the webinar group from Massachusetts
  • John volunteered to be the link for the Accessibility Resource Program (ARP)
  • Committee will work on how to make our web-enhanced classes accessible to every type of student
  • VC is one of the few schools who is lecture-capturing classes
  • Gwen and Erica will report back on state chancellor's office webinar on distance education laws
  • VC is more advanced in data collection than other state colleges
• Instructor union is adamant that there will be no mandatory distance education training for faculty
• Certification training will be optional, but distance education committee will continue planning training
• Committee will base distance education certification training on feedback from Krista and Erica
• Large number of colleges are making distance education instructor training online
• Training is on hold until we hear when new D2L user interface is available
• Oxnard College is tutoring in cconofer
• Cannot work tutors outside tutoring hours, tutors must work when supervisor is present
• Consortium will give Sandy the price of tutoring software
• Sandy is waiting to hear final decision from Oxnard College about what they are going to do about tutoring software
• Sandy will set up 5 minutes or 10 minutes demonstration to review Smart Thinking tutoring software
• Computer-assisted classes will represent classes that are not using D2L – the district-approved model – but which are nonetheless fully- or almost fully-online.
• VCCCD said online classes must be on Desire2Learn platform
• Erica & Krista do not have time to learn all publisher sites; therefore they cannot provide support to faculty and students outside of D2L platform
• Moorpark College is experiencing problems because publisher sites are visiting the college to sell their products
• Cannot monitor content of publisher sites; regular and effective content means groups not being monitored; not a good way to record effective content; most publisher sites have no discussions and interaction with students
• Publisher sites are met to be supplemental to distance education class; they are not course packages; similar to a textbook, since instructors still need to add their knowledge
• Publisher sites should be considered supplemental to D2L courses
• Distance Education Committee does not make laws, but provides best practices to online instructors
• Committee needs to set guidelines for publisher sites for accessibility issues
• Committee needs to determine how to monitor fully-online classes in Math Lab and Reading Plus
• Instructor contract states dean and department chair determine who can teach an online class
• Gwen will email goals of survey to committee
• Math department will discuss having a link on their My Math Lab website for D2L