

Distance Education Committee

May 1, 2014

Present: Rachel Applegate, Barb Friesth, John Gosney, Sara Hook, Karen Lee, and Fred Rees (Chair)

1. The minutes of the March 6, 2014, meeting were reviewed. It was questioned as to whether online courses were indeed asynchronous as item 7 mentioned. Friesth reviewed the policy and found that the courses are asynchronous as stated. Distance education and online course coding is separate from one another. At the IFC EC meeting a year ago, an online policy was discussed. The Trustees were asking for a distance education fee in lieu of fees that support buildings. (Where does this stand?) It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed with one abstention.
2. Update on the IUPUI Test Center (John Gosney): The Respondice secure browser and Monitor project will happen. Hasn't officially signed yet, but will have a university license to use both. You cannot use Oncourse and Monitor at the same time. Respondice has its own interface to create exams. Respondice will only be supported through Canvas. There is no migration tool for content as of yet to move from Oncourse to Canvas. Friesth asked about free testing at the Testing Center. Mark Bannatyne said a faculty member has been quoted fees. It may be a Purdue course given on the Purdue campus. Given that message, it will be necessary to make sure the word is given about whether the issues are clearly communicated in the Testing Center.
3. Launch of Canvas as the next LMS for IU (John Gosney): Canvas has been designated as the LMS for IU. You can begin teaching in it this summer if you are using eText and regular courses. In the fall, you can use the choice to use Oncourse or Canvas. You can teach in Oncourse and have a site that mirrors it in Canvas if you wish. eText will fully integrate with Canvas courseload. Friesth said one of the documents promised in the Technology Committee meeting – if you use a tool in Oncourse, this is what it will be in Canvas. Gosney said that information is still in draft, but will be available soon. She also noticed in her practice course, she was having difficulty copying and pasting. Someone else did it for her, but the message shows up from that person. How can that be done in Canvas so that it shows from her, not him. Gosney didn't know the answer, but would find out. Gosney said they are looking at the equivalent of a project site in Canvas as well. There are many course sites that are no longer being used that will need to be deleted (if possible) before the migration.
4. Proctoring of online exams for online students (IU Office of Online Education) and IU Office of Online Education Survey: A few members had done the survey and said it was very short. A few of the questions were mentioned such as whether you need proctoring in a Testing Center, through Monitor, bio scanning, etc. No one could remember lock down browser as an option. It is believed it went to all the faculty.
5. Sara Hook said there is a committee that is going through the common core courses in the 200 and 300 level for the BA in Informatics and trying to identify the items common to the courses, the core topics that should be covered, assessment, optional. The review of the courses helps with the future of the course so that there is consistency in core required courses across the campuses. This might free some faculty to develop new courses or elective courses. All campuses are represented, except IUB, on the committee. Cooperation has been enjoyable and a benefit to the program overall.
6. Rees was glad to have Applegate as the liaison from the IFC Executive Committee on this committee.

7. Cluster Conversation (held at Herron) from Kathy Johnson. Online students should have access to services on campus. Johnson is creating a coaching program for students, but does not include online students. She feels these students should be included in the coaching expertise as well. Friesth believes this should be so for all level of students. If we want to have DE for students, we need to think about equivalent support for those students. Example, the Writing Center.
8. Friesth said the policy on the fees tied to the codes for the SIS system (hybrid, distance, online, etc.) needs to be figured out. Did it die?
9. The committee reviewed the membership and Rees will send in a report to the IFC office as to who should continue on the committee.
10. The meeting was adjourned.