

MINUTES

COMMITTEE: Distance Education and Learning Technology Committee (DELTC)

MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION: November 20, 2019, 3:30 pm, Austin 308

PERSON PRESIDING: Timm Hackett, Chair

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: (“x” indicates that a member was present)

Regular Members (5 needed for Quorum)		Ex-Officio Members	
Kathleen Sitzman	x	Lori Lee (Chancellor’s office)	x
Barbara Kellam	x	Regis Gilman	x
Timm Hackett	x	VC for Health Sci Rep	OPEN
Peng Xiao	x	Steven Schmidt	
Guyla Evans	x	Wendy Creasey	x
Kathy Lohr		Len Annetta	
Scott Walfield	x	Rachel Baker (Faculty Senate)	x
Will Banks		Mariama Ibrahim	x
Cynthia Shirkey			

Guest: Cynthia Bellacero

ACTIONS OF MEETING:

1. Meeting was called to order by Timm Hackett, Chair.
2. Minutes approved as submitted.
3. Old Business
 - a. Cynthia Bellacero — Distance Education Professional Development Requirements and Distance Education Training sections of the Faculty Manual. (PDF attached in email)
 - i. Documents were discussed and edited. Wendy Creasey moved to approve the documents as amended; motion seconded by Regis Gilman; motion carried. The final copy is available on the Teams site.
 - ii. For the Distance Education Professional Development requirement, DELTC recommends inserting the resolution into the Faculty Manual as Part VI, Section III, Item 6.
4. New Business
 - a. Best Practices Contingency and Continuity Plans – Regis Gilman, Wendy Creasey
 - i. Document was discussed and edited. Scott Walfield moved to approve as amended. Motion seconded by Wendy Creasey. Motion carried; final copy is available on the Teams site.
 - b. Blackboard and MediaSite Upgrade – December Holiday Schedule
 - i. Blackboard upgrade scheduled for December 21-23, 2019. (This is a maintenance upgrade, not for new functions.)
 - ii. MediaSite upgrade scheduled for late December/early January. Downtime is not anticipated as this upgrade affects the database only. [Note: in a post-meeting

follow-up to this item, Wendy Creasey reported that the scheduled date is January 3, 2020.]

- c. Blackboard Ally – Considerations
 - i. Evidence indicates that the Ally tool is not well used, although it does provide options to students.
 - ii. Discussion suggests that there are existing alternatives that can be used, although they may not be as seamless as using the Ally tool.
 - iii. Decision to obtain input from the IT Accessibility staff before we vote on a recommendation. Will vote at the March meeting.
 - d. Preferred name in Canvas & Blackboard (Pending Approvals)
 - i. This feature will be available and will be populated from data in Banner
 - ii. Preferred pronouns may be a future option.
 - e. ATAC Committee Update – no update
 - f. IRCC Update – no update
 - g. Other Discussion
 - i. It was noted that there are some organizational changes in ITCS due to retirements.
 - 1. Andy Anderson – new Director of Network Services
 - 2. Zach Loch – new Director of Enterprise Information Systems
 - 3. CIO Don Sweet to retire 3/31/2020
 - ii. The Innovation Hub will be moving into the former Dowdy Student Store space on main campus under the direction of Michael Harris.
 - iii. An issue with the BLUE (Student Opinion of Instruction Survey) link in Canvas was reported. [Note: issue was reported as corrected on November 22.]
5. Adjournment: With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Scott Walfield and seconded by Regis Gilman. Meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in Austin 308.

Respectfully submitted,
Guyla Evans, Secretary