

Online Program Committee Meeting

9_7_12

1:00-2:30 pm

Minutes

Present:

Kay Weiss, Co-chair

Judy Jorgensen, Cindy Parish, Michael Torrez, Yolanda Simental, Jack Jackson, Michelle Schrader, Teri Strong, Dawn Adler, Michael Slusser, Dave Bastedo, Maha Al-Husseini, James Smith (Guest)

Topic	Discussion
Introductions	Members introduced themselves; the agenda was distributed; the committee charge was included at the top of the agenda, as was the mission of the college.
Selection of Co-Chairs	Judy Jorgensen was the faculty co-chair last year. But she is not on the committee this year. So a new faculty co-chair needed to be selected. Jack Jackson was nominated and unanimously affirmed as the faculty co-chair for the 2012-2013 academic year. Kay Weiss will remain the administrative co-chair.
ACCJC and affirmation of mission	Jackson reported that accreditation is a big deal, especially for Distance Education issues. Some standards of accreditation will be easier to demonstrate that we are in compliance with, and even exceed, the standards. To strengthen the DE position in Standard IA, the following motion was made: "The Online Program Committee stipulates that all DE designated courses are intended to support the mission of SBVC." After a brief discussion, that motion was unanimously passed.

ACCJC and student population	<p>To strengthen the DE position in Standard IA, the following motion was made. "The Online Program Committee stipulates that the intended student population for DE courses is the same as the intended student population for on-campus courses. The intent of DE courses is to use technology to provide increased access to quality educational opportunities." There was a lengthy and spirited discussion of this point. It was noted that the Chancellor has indicated that he wants to target foreign students with online classes to increase revenue for the District and the College. If his wish "gets legs" at the college (and there was indication that such a proposition might face fierce opposition from some faculty), then the Online Program Committee will have to revisit Standard IA and reconsider the motion. However, with the understanding that this motion represents the status of things at this point in time, the motion was unanimously passed.</p>
Strategic Planning	<p>Dr. James Smith spent the next hour of the meeting leading the committee through an exercise in strategic planning. The college is undergoing the next phase of the strategic planning process, and he is going to various campus entities gathering information to make the process as inclusive as possible. Issues arose including access to student support services, preparation of students for college-level work, basic skills, assessment, MOOCs, and modular, non-credit learning experiences in iTunes.</p>
Faculty Newsletter	<p>Jack Jackson shared a suggested online faculty newsletter. The idea is to use the monthly newsletter to reinforce accreditation issues and to increase the movement of information between and among faculty. By consensus, he committee gave the go ahead to distribute this first edition and to begin gathering feedback from the faculty about the newsletter.</p>

Next Meeting	The next meeting of the committee is tentatively scheduled for October 23. The time and place of the meeting are yet to be determined.
Meeting Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.