

Distance Education Council Minutes January 28, 2019

Roll call: (Voting Members) Conner Alford (ZOOM), Laura Atchley, Janet Barker, Robert Brown (ZOOM), William Fridley, Karl Frinkle, Robert Howard, Shannon McGraw, Nick Nichols, Lie Qian, Mike Reed, Kate Shannon, Hallie Stephens (ZOOM), Jeri Walker, (Ex officio Members) Tim Boatmun, Christala Smith, Sandra Thomas

- I. Call or Order - The meeting was called to order by the chair, Christala Smith, at 1:32pm.
- II. Quorum was established at 1:32pm.
- III. Minutes were approved with corrections. Ten voted yes and 4 abstained.
- IV. Library TRP Program: Sandra Thomas gave an overview on the library textbook reserve program. She let everyone know that all General Education texts were not purchased, but if a textbook was needed to let her know she would purchase it. This program is funded through an external donor. Dr. Boatmun wanted to know about extenuating circumstances for online students and she said that the 1st chapter or 60 pgs. could be scanned and sent to the student, if necessary.
- V. SIDE Subcommittee Report: Dr. William Fridley reported that M224 and R315 were up and going. He has used M224, not R315. He found the room to be reliable, without the monolith (pointing to the large desk on the R100 stage), and the tech support from SIDE-kicks is helpful. Feedback from instructors and other sites as well as the importance of tech support for SIDE classes were discussed.
- VI. SCH: Dr. Boatmun handed out a SCH 10-year comparison of online vs. F2F courses. The handout showed that there were more SCH's produced online than in F2F courses. There was discussion about the number of students that are classified as both, as well as the benefits for students. Several individuals would like further breakdown of F2F, online, and combination students at SE.
- VII. Ally: Christala explained that Ally is a tool to increase accessibility, the benefits, and the reports that it can generate. She discussed the small pilot group of faculty that are working with Dr. Shannon on the grant using Ally. An additional pilot group will be available in March for any faculty who are interested in a preview or early access.
- VIII. Drop in Training: Christala Smith talked about the accessibility training coming up May 1-2. She discussed the break-out workshops, speakers, and Bb luncheon. We are also trying to work with SE to make this part of the SOLD workshop opportunities. Christala encouraged everyone to promote the training within their departments. Kate is the lead faculty on Ally, so if you have questions you can also talk with Dr. Kate Shannon.
- IX. Other Business: Dr. Tim Boatmun mentioned a student that is in the M.Ed. program in Jordan recently visited campus. The ZOOM technology is helping the student take SE courses across the world. The student was impressed with the reliability and connection to SE with ZOOM.
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 2:01pm.