

Distance Education Council

April 28, 2023

Agenda

- I. Establish Quorum (9 voting Members Required) Conner Alford, Angela Anderson, Janet Barker, Jayanna Greenwood, Nick Nichols, Alisha Ridenour, Dean Rymel, Kate Shannon, Christala Smith, Carol Sullivan, Jeri Walker, Dennis Westman
- II. Call to Order – 2:05
- III. Presented course reviews to Academic Council and Faculty Senate. Proposed and granted a vote to proceed to begin piloting Spring 2024. Take the year to work on the schedule, structure, processes, get feedback, and address concerns. Develop policy language and present for a 2024–2025-year start.
- IV. LMS Transition / Cohort Updates
 - a. 21 courses started in March start and have gone extremely well.
 - b. 117 courses for summer, and more in fall.
 - c. Bb courses were generated late because of faculty choice and faculty changing LMS requests.
 - d. GOLD orientation became a problem because of changes. CIDT has to manually fix some individual students.
 - e. Canvas courses are generated for the first summer session.
 - f. Questions about the transition? Let CIDT know.
 - g. Carol Sullivan thanked CIDT for their hard work.
- III. Other Business
 - a. Open Education Resources (OER) grants –Jeri Walker and Jayanna Greenwood reported on their experiences with the granting system and our contact, Tracy Romano. Jayanna Greenwood is the library contact for the SE Library OER.

When filling out the proposal, the financial contract is Susan Trombley, and the Chief Academic Officer is Teresa Golden. Some universities are using a default textbook amount for \$100. It is a good number to estimate the cost savings for students in the course.

Kate Shannon is collaborating with others to develop OERs. Collaboration can be completed through Canvas Commons. Open Education Resources must have the ability to be shared publicly. More than just not using a textbook.
 - b. Jeri Walker is retiring. The DEC thanked her for her service.
 - c. Nominations are open for a DEC Faculty Co-Chair as the current Faculty Co-Chair is retiring.
- IV. Adjourn – 2:29

Next Meeting – TBA in Fall 2023

Respectfully submitted: Jeri Walker, DEC Faculty Co-Chair