

## **Distance Education Council Minutes February 3, 2020**

Meeting was called to order at 1:04pm. Quorum was met.

### **Attendance:**

Voting Members: Conner Alford, Dr. Laura Atchley, Dr. Janet Barker, Jake Durham (ZOOM), Dr. William Fridley, Dr. Karl Frinkle, Robert Howard, Dr. Ying Lin (ZOOM), Dr. Shannon McCraw, Dr. Nick Nichols, Dr. Lie Qian, Dr. Kate Shannon (ZOOM), Hallie Stephens (ZOOM), Dr. Jerry Stout, Dr. Jeri Walker  
Ex-officio Members: Dr. Tim Boatmun, Christala Smith, Sandra Thomas  
Guests: Alisha Ridenour

Minutes from November meeting were presented. Dr. Jerry Stout moved to approve. Dr. Jeri Walker seconded the motion. Vote to approve minutes was held. Minutes were approved. 13-Approved, 2-Abstained

Dr. Tim Boatmun led discussion on the panel on the effectiveness of coaches in courses. Discussion ensued and a panel discussion as part of an open DEC meeting to talk about coaches was decided. It was also discussed that certain data be collected in advance such as:

- How many faculty use coaches?
- What process is used to determine whether coaches will be used?
- Do we have grade distribution or other outcome data to compare for courses that have been taught with and without the use of coaches?

This panel will be planned at a later date once data is collected and questions for the panel have been established by DEC.

The panel discussion morphed into a discussion also lead by Tim Boatmun about marketing/enrollment management, AP, and the freshman survey.

Due to time constraints, the CIDT updates section was brief. Christala Smith mentioned the upcoming drop in training on February 5<sup>th</sup>, which will be a round table discussion about instructor presence in online courses. Ally usage data was also distributed to members of DEC present at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm (Dr. Laura Atchley made the motion and Dr. Jerry Stout, 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Minutes were taken by Alisha Ridenour and Christala Smith