Distance Education Council

October 8, 2015

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**: 3:00 **Members present**: Cristala Smith, Nick Nichols, Shannon McCraw, Jeri Walker, Jerry Stout, Justin Wallace, William Fridley, Bryon Clark, Lie Qian, Ying Chou Lin, Crystal Jensen, Wayne Williamson, Jani Barker, Alister Maeer,
2. **Approval** of September 3rd minutes: Approved with the following changes:

p. 2 under C – Presidential Advisory Committees. Budget, Academics, Enrollment/Recruitment, Fundraising/grants/alumni. William Fridley moved to approve with changes, Nick Nichols seconded. Unanimous for.

1. Agenda Items
2. Christala has created a survey to find a good meeting time for most committee members. Members are encouraged to go on Bb and complete the survey.
3. President’s Advisory Committee updates – the Shared Governance Forum requests comments by Nov. 7th. This is faculty voice on campus. The easiest way is to email.
4. There are 10 enrolled in the QM Course for the rubric and improving the online course. The QM Rubric or equivalency is required for online teachers. Faculty members are encouraged to complete Improving Your Online Course (IYOC). We must show a pattern of continuous improvement for accreditation. Bryan stated things change so fast, this is important. IYOC is used first for faculty to review all courses and the department chairs double-check. The DEC may become involved.

To integrate into State Authority reciprocity Council (SARA) courses must be reviewed. Kay is working on a proposal that will be vetted through DEC and Academic Council. November meeting will cover this topic. Bryan stated the DOE regulates. It provides authority to deliver courses in other states online. Some states levy fees or have different standards for their students. OSHRI coordination of higher ed in OK and we are under the umbrella. Any complaint is sent to OSHRI who investigates and compile data by institution and state. This applies to all online students, not just out of state. Students can complain through Ethics Point or Academic Appeals. HLC requested Bryon to be Ombudsman as the point of contact.

Dr. Fridley asked what body to propose changes to in IETV. Bryan Clark answered that multiple parties would be involved. The role of academic council was discussed as one body that recommendations should be presented to in appropriate situations.

Remaining items on the agenda were tabled due to lack of time.