

**AGENDA**  
**Online Learning Council**  
**October 5, 2009**

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order: Nick Nichols (acting Director) – 3:00 pm
2. Minutes from 8-31-09: Paula Allen – motion to approve; Gerri Johnson – second; minutes approved
3. OLC Members for 2009-10: *Tabled until next meeting*
4. Summary Report for Online Learning – submitted 9-11-09: *Tabled until next meeting*
5. Faculty Training – Update: *Tabled until next meeting*
6. Assessment Report for Online and Blended Courses – Draft: *Tabled until next meeting*
7. Online/Blended Course Assessment Rubric – Draft: *Tabled until next meeting*
8. Chalk & Wire – Recommendation: *Tabled until next meeting*
9. Proposed Change to Academic Policies and Procedures Manual – Online and Blended Course Approval Process: Nick Nichols
  - a. Nick Nichols read Memo posted to OLC (on Blackboard BB1111-11)
  - b. Discussion of issues relating to requirements for Online Teaching Certification
    - i. Faculty Senate has expressed concerns
    - ii. More assistance to faculty/instructors
    - iii. Issues on approval for accreditation need to be addressed
      1. Approval of #9 Memorandum may be accepted if expectations are defined
  - c. Gerri Johnson – motion to table Item #9; Gleny Beach – second; motion carried
10. Discussion over Course Management Systems: Dan Moore, Brandon Gooch, and Austin Harman
  - a. Support for current version of Blackboard will soon end
    - i. A new platform needs to be considered
    - ii. Gleny Beach expressed disdain for Moodle online learning platform
  - b. Do we push Enterprise or move to another platform
    - i. Ellen Hendrix said we can move to Basic or Enterprise
    - ii. Version 9 is out but bugs aren't worked out
    - iii. Version 8 has new Grade Center, among others
  - c. More training of IT staff needed
  - d. Most of the changes with Enterprise would be on the IT staff and Ellen Hendrix
  - e. Dan Moore passed out Blackboard Pricing Sheet
  - f. Council agreed to stay on Blackboard for the present and move towards version 8 for stability purposes

- i. Basic or Enterprise will be determined by cost, but Enterprise is desired by OLC consensus
    - ii. Current license expires at the end of October; action needs to be taken soon
  - g. Discounts are applicable with early purchase; wouldn't need to implement immediately
  - h. Gleny Beach expressed concern about faculty hesitancy in teaching online when so many factors (platforms, certification, training, etc.) would tend to deter
  - i. Gerrie Johnson – motion to recommend keeping Blackboard as primary course management system (PCMS); Gleny Beach – second; motion carried
  - j. Gerrie Johnson – motion to recommend Enterprise as PCMS to Administration; Paula Allen – second; motion carried
  - k. Discussion of Timeline – tabled until further consultations with Dan Moore, Ellen Hendrix, Linda Kallam, and faculty
11. Adjourn: Paula Allen – motion; Gleny Beach – second – 4:00 pm

Attending: Aaron Adair, Paula Allen, Gleny Beach, Brandon Gooch, Austin Harman, Ellen Hendrix, Gerrie Johnson, Dan Moore, Nick Nichols, Kathryn Plunkett

Not Attending: Bryon Clark, Linda Kallam, Doug McMillan, Jim Speers, Hallie Stephens, Andrew Tiger