

**Minutes
Online Learning Council
August 31, 2009**

Members Present: Dr. Nick Nichols; Dr. Jim Speers; Dr. Paula Allen; Ms. Ellen Hendrix; Ms. Kate Plunkett; Dr. Gerrie Johnson; Dr. Hallie Stephens; Dr. Aaron Adair; Dr. Linda Kallam

Members Absent: Dr. Gleny Beach; Dr. Andy Tiger; Dr. Bryon Clark; Dr. Doug McMillan

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Dr. Linda Kallam.

The minutes from 5-4-09 were approved.

The enrollment report for fall 2009 was presented to members. Enrollment is up for fall 2009, with approximately 18% of undergraduate and 41% of graduate enrollment in online or blended classes. Total online and blended enrollment represents approximately 19% of total enrollment for the University. There was also a 48% increase in the total number of online and blended classes offered from fall 2008 to fall 2009.

Dr. Kallam discussed changes made to the Online Learning website during summer 2009, including several items under Student and Faculty Resources.

Dr. Kallam advised OLC members that Section 6.7.2, Faculty Training, was passed by the Faculty Senate in May and all changes were approved by the Administration during the summer. Changes to the Academic Policies and Procedures Manual requested by the OLC will take effect in fall 2009.

Dr. Kallam requested feedback on the Blackboard course, Training Modules for Teaching Online and Blended Courses, in which OLC members were enrolled shortly after the beginning of the semester. This is the required certification course for teaching online and blended classes. Several members had not accessed the course, so it was decided that faculty enrollment in the course would be postponed until the following week to give time for feedback from OLC members. Department Chairs would be advised at that time about the course enrollment form available on the Online Learning website.

Dr. Kallam also reported that the 20 seats allotted to Southeastern for the Sloan-C workshops were filled, and a waiting list was established should additional seats become available.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:50 pm.