**Distance Education Council**

**Minutes August 28, 2019**

###### Call or Order - The meeting was called to order by Tim Boatmun, at 1:30 pm.

1. Voting members: Mike Reed, Nick Nichols, Hallie Stephens, Jerry Stout, Laura Atchley, Katheryn Shannon, William Fridley, Ying Lin, Janet Barker, Lie Qian

Ex-officio Members: Tim Boatmun, Anna Antuono, Sandra Thomas

Guests: Shawn Ridenour, Dennis Westman, Christala Smith, Alisha Ridenour, Kathy McDonald, Elisabeth Ponce-Garcia, Gladys Skinner. Carolyn Fridley, Amy Madewell

1. Quorum was established at 1:30 pm.
2. Introduction of Title III Grant and purpose of DEC meeting discussion for 8/28/19
3. Introductions of Dennis Westman-VP of Business, Shawn Ridenour- Help Desk, Christala Smith, Alisha Ridenour- CIDT by Tim Boatmun
4. Dennis Westman: Title III Grant Expenditures overview: Summary of Software, Infrastructure, Equipment, and Training (see attached presentation)

-5 year grant ending at the end of September. Crossroads where folks will proceed with writing a new grant or phasing out certain expenditures on the grant.

1. Further explanation of JSTOR provided by Sandra Thomas and SONA by Amy Madewell.
2. Tim Boatmun: Report on broad current title III expenditures on instructional technologies at SE (see attachment #2
3. Further discussion of SPSS and SONA pertaining to faculty use, a possible virtual environment, faculty development, departmental use, and helpdesk assistance in future development/research on these topics.
4. Respondus: Discussion on previous Respondus experience (ex: failure to work on Chromebooks). Information was examined about departmental use and it was noted the EHL department is not interested in keeping this product. Further discussion addressed cost structure, role of this product in accreditation, and exploration of other lockdown browsers for the August 2020 budget.
5. Lynda.com: Discussion on the past 12 months of data (see attachment), as well as the types of videos being used in the past three months by the 253 active users (203 students/50 faculty and staff). More discussion on how price is determined, the increase in price over the past 5 years, as well as professional development for faculty if this resource is kept.
6. William Fridley: Gave suggestions for professional development topics (and topics for the DEC)
   * A review and evaluation of the relation between online class enrollment numbers (particularly accelerated online graduate programs), online pedagogy, and academic integrity.
   * Including:
   * Internal data on course size, grades, and measurement of educational outcomes.
   * Current scholarship on class size, pedagogy, and academic quality.
   * Experiences of faculty who have taught these large classes, including problems, techniques and methods to deal with large class enrollments, and the use of coaches.
   * Prefer discussion-orientation sessions, EHL’s tech/pedagogy seminars offer a good model.
7. Concerns have been raised about the Distance Education Council’s size: That it was so large that it was unweilding according to APPM, DEC sends it recommendations to Academic council. It was suggested that DEC might move to send recommendations to Faculty Senate because Faculty Senate is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and able to publicize and actions.
8. Dr. Elliott, Director of General Education has gathered data comparing outcomes for on line vs. face to face students and may want to share with DEC.
9. Announcement by Dr. Ponce Garcia about the ONToP teaching conference September 20th that is being hosted at SE by the Psychology Department. This conference will be about inclusive practices in the classroom. She encouraged everyone that was available to attend.
10. Dr. Boatmun charged SGA and Faculty Senate with providing feedback about Lynda.com to the DEC by October 15th.  
    The meeting adjourned at 2:42