

**Minutes of the Distance Education Council**  
**Wednesday, October 15, 2018, at 1:03 p.m.**  
**Location R100**

**Participating:** Members-Conner Alford, Laura Atchley, Janet Barker, Jake Durham, William Fridley, Karl Frinkle, Robert Howard, Ying Lin, Shannon McGraw, Nick Nichols, Lie Quan, Mike Reed, Kate Shannon, Jerry Stout, Jeri Walker  
Ex-officio members- Tim Boatmun, Marti Philips, Christala Smith, Sandra Thomas  
Guests- Robert Brown, Alisha Ridenour

- I. Call to Order: Christala Smith called the meeting to order at 1:03p.m.
- II. Minutes of the Last meeting (9-10-18):
  - a. Copies of the minutes of the last meeting were distributed.
  - b. Correction of the year was pointed out by Kate Shannon and correction was made to the previous minutes.
  - c. Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting- W. Fridley and Seconded by L. Atchley
  - d. Minutes were unanimously Approved.

Discussion touched—to various degrees—on most of the topics on the Agenda (attached below).

- III. Report from IETV Subcommittee (Dr. William Fridley):

Dr. Fridley began by asking how many people had taught IETV before- 7 people raised their hands. He discussed the meeting the subcommittee had with CIDT the previous week where they discussed that IETV is a solid concept, but the equipment isn't reliable. We are committed to serving students at remote sites. The difference in IETV (phone based) and ZOOM (internet based) was explained. Dr. Frinkle also had positive comments about this meeting.
- IV. Name Change Proposal:

Dr. Fridley made a motion to change the name of the IETV Subcommittee to the SIDE Subcommittee. Seconded by Dr. Lin. Vote Taken: 10y 3n  
After the vote, Dr. Boatmun pointed out that the value in the name change is that we will always value a synchronous interactive distance education, no matter if the delivery system (ZOOM/IETV) changes or not. At that time, C. Smith realized the members joining via Zoom were not included in the previous vote so the vote was retaken: 14y 1n. The name change passed.
- V. Academic Integrity / Course Hero (Dr. Ying Lin)

Dr. Lin then discussed Course Hero. **Course Hero** is a website that provides access to old tests, homework problems, textbook answers and class notes and students at SE are using it to cheat. He had found at least 50 courses with documents on the site. Finance alone had over 100 documents uploaded. Discussion followed of other similar websites, other ways students are cheating. Dr. Boatmun pointed out that this is happening in face to face as well as online courses. Dr. Fridley brought up concerns about accelerated programs, coaches, and class size while N. Nichols

discussed ways that he embraces the fact that students will cheat by developing a project and performance based class that makes it more difficult to cheat in his online courses. K. Shannon and J Barker spoke about the differences in courses and how it is easier to prevent cheating in some classes more than others. L. Quan suggested ways that professors could post solutions/study guides using videos instead of documents that were ways to upload. M. Davis spoke about university policy on academic integrity. Marti Philips suggested that these sites be blocked on our network so students on campus, in the dorms would not have them readily accessible. An immense amount of discussion ensued on this topic as well as recycled academic material.

T. Boatman suggested that Distance Ed. Council come up with something to assist professors on campus. A training/infographic/newsletter that addresses: Awareness and best practices for professors. How are students cheating? How can professors prevent it?

No further action was taken on this topic.

#### VI. CIDT Updates

- a. Chrome book vs. Respondus: Respondus does not work on Chromebooks. We are getting the work out to students, but we need to make sure we get the word out to parents, etc. that might purchase a Chromebook for a student.
- b. Tutor.com: We no longer have SmartThinking. Tutor.com is live in Blackboard, we are getting positive feedback, there will be faculty training in the near future.
- c. Blackboard Ally: K. Shannon is the faculty lead on Ally. Clarification on Accessibility vs. Accommodation. Accessibility is for all. Ally will assist professors in making their online courses more accessible. QM updated the rubric and we can't have "good enough" for our HLC report. A few courses will pilot in November as an entry point. More will be added in January and a plan for implementation will be developed in the future.

#### VII. Meeting adjourned at 2:43

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**Agenda**

- I. Establish Quorum (9 voting Members Required)
- II. Call to Order
- III. Approve Minutes from 9-10-18
- IV. Report from IETV Subcommittee (Dr. William Fridley)  
Name Change Proposal: "It is moved that the IETV Subcommittee be re-named as the SIDE Subcommittee."
- V. Academic Integrity / Course Hero (Dr. Ying Lin)
- VI. CIDT Updates (Christala Smith)
  - a. Chrome book vs. Respondus
  - b. Tutor.com
  - c. Blackboard Ally
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. Adjourn