# SMCCCD Distance Education Advisory Committee (DEAC)
## DE Gateway Taskforce Meeting Notes
Friday, December 11, 2009
8:30 am – 9:30 am
<span style="color:red">Webinar</span>

1. Purpose
   **Needs**: students want clear, intuitive and consistent messages
   Faculty: need students to make self-assessment of their readiness, need to have a central location for online resources for professional development

   **Benefits**: Enhanced Gateway would introduce all three colleges distance ed *and services* to students *and faculty* all at once;
   It can identify services common across the colleges to display on Gateway
   With the Gateway, there is better connection to colleges' own DE info/sites

   Group agreed that a District level DE Gateway can play a role in the above.

2. Gateway Enhancement
   Group discussed adding FAQs, "are you web ready", definitions for online courses, and commented that currently most resources are available, but "scattered".

   [Rio Salado](#) and [Des Moines Metropolitan Area Community College](#) sites were demo'd. Both have pros and cons. The navigation bars of DMACC were useful.

   Group agreed to the following assignments:
   ***Marsha and ???: degree/certificates information***
   ***Sherri and ???: student services***
   ***Madeleine, Judy and Peter: Faculty/Training***
   ***Tania, Eric, and I provide overall coordination***

   Group also brainstormed various possibilities: such as one college offering DE with faculty from different colleges teach the courses; issues with degree requirement differences.

   Next meeting: 2nd week in Jan

3. Online student feedback (next meeting)
4. Additional training opportunities (next meeting)