

## SMCCCD Distance Education Advisory Committee (DEAC) Notes

Friday, November 20, 2009

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Webinar / Cypress Room

	Cañada	CSM	Skyline	DO
Faculty	Sondra Saterfield Patty Dilko	Tania Beliz Jing Wu Madeleine Murphy Diana Bennett Eileen O'Brien Jamie Marron	Ann Burns Eric Brenner Alma Cervantes Nick Kapp Judith Lariviere Cindy Moss	
Staff	Ricardo Flores			Peter Bruni
Admin	Sarah Perkins	Susan Estes Martha Tilmann	Margery Meadows	Kathy Blackwood, Jing Luan Eric Raznick

**Legend:**

Present

Absent due to STOT Class

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1. Meeting started at 2:10pm. Professor Jing Wu, who teaches Chinese at CSM, attended today's meeting for the first time and introduced herself.
2. VC Luan reviewed the minutes from last month meeting with those present.
3. Eric and Jing led the discussion on CMS. Jing displayed the usage and cost of eCollege and WebACCESS, using fall 2009 data. The data showed that the adoption ratio is 1 to 3 between eCollege and WebACCESS, while the cost is the same for both. eCollege cost structure is such that the more DE enrollments on eCollege, the more it costs. eCollege is converting to .Next soon, which may be a technical challenge. It costs district colleges to train faculty to use both systems and students prefer their online classes to be similar and seamless, which is ideally achieved via one CMS. Everything else being equal, should we pay twice for the same thing we can get from just one system? Sondra pointed out that WebACCESS was the only choice for faculty to develop courses, at least on her campus; whereas eCollege was not offered as a choice. Two faculty members at the meeting stated that they adopted eCollege when they initially found WebACCESS to be difficult to use.

It was suggested that faculty on both systems be contacted via survey. Survey might be problematic due to the fact there are only 8 eCollege faculty- too small a sample size. Instead, it was agreed that one or two forums be conducted inviting faculty to attend.

It was suggested that resources and support will need to be made available to help faculty with conversion if a decision is made to go with only one CMS.

**ACTION ITEM:** Host district-wide forum among online eCollege and WebACCESS faculty.

4. VC Luan summarized the need to further develop the district DE Gateway, reflecting his recent discussion with the VPs and stating that a district DE Gateway will give students exposure to all three colleges' courses and services. Currently, the district Gateway does not have information on the services students need, including eCounseling, "Is DE for me", etc. It was suggested that the features of the colleges' websites of online courses be adopted and/or combined for the district's.

It was suggested that VC Luan call for volunteers to include ITS and those who have developed college web pages of online course offering to work on the task.

**ACTION ITEM:** Form a taskgroup to develop ideas.

5. On Pete Bruni's behalf, VC Luan displayed the first session of the STOT 1 curriculum and stated that this is better yet and much improved compared to previous sessions. Session 4, the last session will be a practice session for faculty to work on their course shell. This round of STOT will emphasize on specific outcomes.

Eileen commented that it would be good to have faculty working on a course shell earlier, so there is time for them to ask questions long before STOT ends. It was suggested that Peter reverse Session 3 and 4.

**ACTION ITEM:** discuss the possible change with Pete.

6. There are many other professional development opportunities, including online webinars, paid or unpaid. Those present also liked the idea of hosting faculty peer to peer gathering to talk about distance education, including the continuation of the conversations Sandra witnessed at the STOT class today.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.