

Ad Hoc Committee on Online Learning Minutes for December 11, 2007

In attendance: Jane Miller, Marilyn Billings, Fred Zinn, Copper Giloth, Ben Hood, Pam Trafford, Carol Bigelow, Matthew Mattingly, Victoria Dowling, Mei-Yau Shih, David Hart, Megan Turner

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Sept. 18 and Nov. 13, 2007 Minutes

The Sept. 18 minutes were approved. The Nov. 13 minutes were amended to read “They” rather than “Committee members also suggested the third point ... was worded too strongly.” The minutes were approved as amended.

Announcements

Committee member Copper Giloth stated SPIRE teaching mode classifications have yet to be implemented. Co-Chair Marilyn Billings said she would discuss this further with the Faculty Senate Office.

Presentation by Fred Zinn: Instructional Design Wiki to Support Online Learning

Committee member Fred Zinn from OIT reviewed the subcommittee’s goals from this and last year. In 2006-2007, Zinn and committee members created a table of contents for this year. In 2007-2008, the subcommittee plans to: 1. Coordinate faculty support. 2. Find groups that support faculty using technology on-campus. 3. Create a community of faculty to encourage collaboration and communication between departments.

In response to Zinn’s presentation, Co-Chair Billings suggested adding Scholarworks to the list of community based support groups. Another committee member suggested creating an actual space, such as the Teaching Commons, for faculty to meet.

In further discussion, a committee member suggested Zinn make his wiki available to the larger public; however Zinn stated that the wiki was intended as a brainstorming tool for the Committee rather than a resource to be used by the larger public. Committee members suggested creating a wiki for those outside ACOL. Before creating this wiki, Zinn stated he would contact David Todd who may have already created a similar resource for faculty.

Presentation by Ben Hood: Gen Ed and Information Literacy

Ben Hood from Library presented for Isabel Espinal, Emily Alling, and Anne C. Moore on an information literacy initiative which would integrate information literacy into a General Education requirement.

In response to Hood’s presentation, a committee member stated she thought the initiative was a good idea but adult learners, generally transfer students, already have difficulty fulfilling General Education requirements. Co-Chair Jane Miller suggested Librarians Espinal, Alling, and Moore give a 20-minute presentation to be followed by a 10-minute Q&A session this spring.

Presentation by Jane Miller: MSP and Online Course Workload Issues in Our Next Contract

Co-Chair Miller stated that the MSP will take a proposal to the bargaining table in January. The subcommittee preparing the proposal is planning to address online workload issues.

Draft of February Motion

The draft motion for the February Faculty Senate meeting was approved. Co-Chair Miller will prepare the motion for the Faculty Senate.

Closing Remarks

Copper Giloth, Fred Zinn, Tony Sindelar, Michele Turre, Laura Yahm and Doris Peterson of OIT Academic Computing drafted a response to the May 31, 2007 Joint Task Force's Report on Online Learning. Co-Chair Billings stated she would send the report to committee members via e-mail.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.