

**Ad Hoc Committee on Online Learning
Minutes for February 13, 2008**

In attendance: Jane Miller, Richard Rogers, Marilyn Blaustein, Mei-Yau Shih, John McCarthy, Megan Turner

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Dec. 11 Minutes

There was not the quorum needed to approve the Dec. 11 minutes.

Old Business: Nursing Degree Approval and Motions for the Faculty Senate

The Committee discussed whether UMass Online and online courses through the Division of Continuing Education (DCE) count towards residency. Co-Chair Miller suggested starting an e-mail conversation regarding this topic, and Committee member Richard Rogers suggested tabling the discussion until the next ACOL meeting on March 5. Members also asked whether the topic was relevant to ACOL. Rogers suggested taking no action on the nursing program. Instead, the Committee will speak with the Registrar in order to answer residency questions.

New Business:

a. Revenue Sharing for Continuing and Professional Education Programs

Committee member John McCarthy discussed the changes in revenue sharing for Continuing and Professional Education, stating that under the current system money is distributed to the deans of colleges and schools. Previously, however, money was distributed to the departments and deans. McCarthy stated that there needs to be a change in the revenue sharing system in order to recognize the differences between colleges and schools.

One Committee member suggested that under the current system, there is no incentive to teach general education courses. Rogers stated that under the previous system, teachers were rewarded for creating Continuing Education curricula. Another committee member also stated that the Commonwealth College currently rewards instructors for each course they teach.

b. Next Steps

The following remains unresolved:

1. Should the Committee develop a general policy recommendation regarding revenue sharing for online programs? If so, what should it be?
2. In response to the discussion on the online nursing program and residency credits, the Committee determined that online courses through the Amherst campus are treated in the same manner as face-to-face courses. However, the Committee remains unclear as to whether courses through UMass Online, especially those offered through other campuses, count towards residency requirements for a UMass Amherst degree.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.