

Distance Education Committee  
Wednesday - April 8, 2009  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Jennifer Strickland	Steve Budge
Aimee Guerin	Kate Mohler
Danielle Carlock	Peggy Johnson
Linda Collins	Christine Held
Sheila Merritt	Lo-An Tabar-Gaul
Bonnie Black	Shawn Wood

**Presentation:** Lo-An Tabar-Gaul presented her research results on retention in online classes. She completed the study during her sabbatical.

**Old Business:**

1. Minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Shawn Wood updated the committee on recommendations that were made to Faculty Senate. Faculty Senate approved the common entry way for online students and asked that the committee's recommendation to create a Hybrid Committee be put on hold at this time.
3. Members were encouraged to review the MCC Online web site changes and make recommendations. If anyone has any student testimonials about online learning, please forward those statements to Bonnie Black for inclusion on the site. These statements will remain anonymous. Efforts to create student testimonials in a video format will continue next year. The need for a faculty resource link on the web site was presented and the committee agreed to retain this link and post DEC Minutes and other online learning information.
4. Dr. Mabry made a short presentation on the college-wide task force that will be formed to create a strategic plan for MCC Online. A handout was distributed outlining the initiative. Steve Budge will be chairing this committee. Dr. Mabry indicated this is a short-term committee and he is hopeful a draft can be created over the summer which will be presented in Fall for review and additional feedback.
5. Peggy Johnson did a follow-up on the readiness survey being used by Phoenix College. It was recommended that the survey currently being used by MCC be evaluated and updated next year.
6. Follow-up on Greg Pratt's request to the committee about the economics efforts regarding online learning was presented. It was decided that ways need to be identified to profile department's successes in online learning.

**New Items:**

1. Annual report was reviewed and approved. It will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.
2. Sheila Merritt will become the new faculty mentor for DLMG beginning 2009-2010 (replacing Peggy Johnson).

3. Peggy Johnson was awarded a plaque on behalf of the committee and Faculty Senate for her contributions and commitment to online learning. She was thanked for all of her hard work and we all wish her a fun retirement.
4. Shawn Wood and Bonnie Black will be passing the “Chair” torch to someone new next year. Those interested in throwing their name in the hat should contact Bonnie Black. This decision will be placed on the agenda for the September 2009 meeting.
5. A copy of the new 2008 Distance Education Survey Results – “Tracking the Impact of elearning at Community Colleges” was distributed. It can be found online at [www.itcnetwork.org](http://www.itcnetwork.org)

**Next Meeting for 2009-2010:**

Will be announced.