

Frost School Council Minutes

March 8, 2011

HUB 123

3:30-5:00

Present: Christian Roberson (Chair), Nancy Betchart, Trent Boggess, Terri Dautcher, , John Donovan, Melissa Furbish (student), Gail Carr, Dan Moore, Ellen Murphy, James Whiting, Francis Williams, Eun-Ho Yeo, David Zehr.

Unable to attend: Mardie Burckes-Miller, Mary Ann McGarry, Anastasia Deflumeri (student), Melissa Furbish (student), Shawn Hackshaw, Mark Okrant

Scribe: Nancy Betchart

Acceptance of February 2012 minutes.

Discussion of organization and structure for the retreat

Terry Dautcher brought up the issue of resource needs. Ellen clarified there are two aspects, Learning Technologies and Online Education, we need to discuss. Bandwidth, virtual classroom support, video and audio storage can be different for classroom vs. online ed.

Personnel support: LTOE – now seems to have two divisions. Classroom technology support includes Norm (supported by \$10,000 in each of two years to LRTP3 to support video repository (Kaltura). However, he has also been helping move courses from Blackboard to Mahara and then he took on CourseEval and as Moodle, Mahara and CourseEval have expanded, he has been supporting these initiatives. Justin is training faculty to use classroom technology (e.g, moodle, mahara, clickers and SMARTboards). Terri Lessard helps faculty learn how to put courses online (both how to use Moodle and effective pedagogy)

We should provide an overview of the organizational structure in place to support learning technologies in the classroom and online. We also need to comparison to UNH, KSC and GSC online initiatives and personnel support.

We can bring up the number of faculty interested in teaching online or utilizing educational technology.

WHERE do we want to go with distance education? What is our current capacity?

Where are we? Where do we want to go? What is our capacity? What do we need?
Need to build a strategic plan learning technologies and distance education.

Trent posed 4 questions:

What is it?

Is it real?

Can we be successful at it?

Can we make money?

By 2020 ½ of all higher education will be online (Trent mentioned this projection – where did he get this info?)

Ideas for the Retreat:

- External Context – Ellen
 - Overview of trends in Academic Technology
 - Review of Resources at PSU

- Review of online enrollment data – Nancy
- Discussion of where we want to go
- Discussion of what we need to get there
- What is PSU's strategic direction? Will we have the capacity to respond to changing needs/markets?
- Identify the commitments

Next meeting. April 12, 3:30, HUB 123

Meeting adjourned at 4:50.