



Santa Ana College
Distance Education Advisory Group
Minutes – February 17, 2016

To: Distribution
From: Cherylee Kushida, Chair, Distance Education Advisory Group

District Mission: The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District is to provide quality educational programs and services that address the needs of our diverse students and communities.

College Mission: The mission of Santa Ana College is to be a leader and partner in meeting the intellectual, cultural, technological and workforce development needs of our diverse community. Santa Ana College provides access and equity in a dynamic learning environment that prepares students for transfer, careers and lifelong intellectual pursuits in a global community.

Distance Education Mission: Our mission in Distance Education at Santa Ana College is to provide our students and faculty with the highest quality distance education program. We accomplish this mission by assuring that coursework for our students provides the depth and breadth of a quality post-secondary degree education while insuring the use of leading edge technology and excellence in teaching.

Members Present: Mary Funaoka, Zachary Fish, Elliott Jones, Annie Knight, Cherylee Kushida, Rick Manzano, Dennis Sadler, Roy Shahbazian

Topics:

- **PLO Student Survey Results**
 - Overall results are positive regarding the SAC Student Online Orientation and learning tools used in DE coursework.
 - We would like to see a higher number of students participate in the survey
 - It was suggested that we run the survey earlier in the semester and that we post an announcement in DE courses.
 - DE faculty requiring the Orientation should be higher for overall student success.
 - It was suggested that we place the Orientation “assignment” in the template.
- **New Department Name**
 - For wider faculty use of Bb and related technology tools that are provided and supported by DE, it was suggested that we revisit the name of the department. Discussion centered on:
 - **Center for Innovative Teaching/Technology**
 - **Center for Innovative Instructional Technology**
- **SAC Course Template Feedback**
 - Pretty positive. Appears more classroom faculty are using the template.
 - Discussion advised concern regarding the ease of course migration for faculty already using the template in future semesters – this will be investigated by DE
 - Suggestion: Tech Tuesday with tips for Bb and template usage
- **Pathway Brochures**
 - Pathway courses and brochures are being updated
 - Additional information will be added to improve student understanding of pathway courses:
 - “Prior coursework will be considered for graduation requirements. Students are not expected to take unnecessary courses in the pathway. Our objective is to have students complete and graduate as quickly as possible.”
- **CEC – Possible Bb usage**
 - Discussion of LMS for CEC - Canvas may be a viable solution
- **LMS Taskforce**
 - Plan to have OEI, Canvas and Bb present late Spring semester

Next Meeting: March 9, 2016, 8:00 – 9:30am, A-101

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