



Santa Ana College
Distance Education Advisory Group
Minutes – February 19, 2015

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: Crystal Jenkins, Elliott Jones, Cherylee Kushida, Rick Manzano, John Ross, Jr., Dennis Sadler, Roy Shahbazian

Topics:

- State of the college and DE
 - Omar Torres discussed Accreditation, Institutional Effectiveness, RARs and how the college will be evolving with positive changes. It was also said that needed changes would occur “without affecting the quality of classes”.
 - Cherylee will send Omar a query about 8-week, 6-week, 4-week choices for the WebAdvisor course search page, as well as a field for OER courses.
- Pathway Round-Up
 - Thank you!
 - Great student, faculty and Advisory Group representation! Thank you for attending and participating!
 - Survey Results
 - 38% of the attendees completed the survey, 53%: students, 47%: faculty
 - 100% Strongly Agreed or Agreed that the Student panel was helpful for Students
 - 93% Strongly Agreed or Agreed that the Student panel was helpful for Faculty
 - Sample comments:
 - *I do feel that having a student panel was helpful. I shows the faculty some of the sacrifices that we have had to make in order to get our work done for their classes. And the due date issue was a great question from them. I did find it easier to have a Sunday due date. (student)*
 - *I wish all of the faculty was there to hear what the student panel had to say. (student)*
 - *While I appreciated their comments - having a bit more structure in the questions will provide more directed information for both the students & faculty. (faculty/admin)*
 - *It was helpful to me as a faculty member to hear about how students approach their work and some of the things they felt some professors did well. I am sure students new to the program appreciated it as well. (faculty/admin)*
 - *I think the panel was a great idea! Perhaps for the next one, you could solicit questions from the cohort at large in advance. Also, we could make it "live" with tweets during the event. (faculty/admin)*
 - 100% felt the faculty course introduction was helpful to pathway students
 - General comments:
 - *I have been at both the pathway meetings and they have been great. I do enjoy meeting others that have the same educational goals as I do. This program has been great so far. Thank you. (student)*

- *I strongly feel this orientation to be helpful to everyone. And it was also great to be able to interface with the other instructors in the program. (faculty)*
- We will ask Kristen Robinson to be in charge of tweeting during the next Round-Up and will poll students prior to the meeting for more specific panel topics.
- FARSCCD – Jeff McMillian was given the task of approaching FARSCCD with the issue of addressing a DE issues. – No update at this time.
- OEI Canvas selection
 - Our Bb contract ends in June 2015. ITS will be negotiating for a one-year or two-year renewal. This will enable the colleges to get feedback from the OEI users, which are expected to be in a production mode in Fall 2015.
- DE Handbook – update will not include years in the title, but a date of revision/approval. Members to send comments to Cherylee.

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