



Miramar Distance Education Committee
Minutes September 26, 2019
12-1 PM @ L-108*

The Distance Education Committee engages in ongoing discussions about how best to integrate pedagogy, technology and policy to support student learning. (San Diego Miramar College Strategic Goals 1 & 2).

Attendees: Cheryl Reed, Rechelle Mojica, Scott Moller, Angela Romero, Chris Rodgers, Trenton Tidwell, Wahid Hamidy, Suganya Sankaranarayanan, Lou Ascione, Kats Gustafson, John Couture, Denise Maduli-Williams

- I. **Agenda Approval** – approved – (Moller moved, Romero seconded)
- II. **Minutes Approval** – approved (Mojica moved, Moller seconded)
- III. **Updates**
 - a. **Committee Membership Change/Modifications.** The committee membership description has changed from “Dean of Library Science & Technology” to “any” to accommodate changes in representation. The change--approved by CGC, AS, and CEC--will allow Lou Ascione to represent the Administration on the committee. Mike Charles has retired and is no longer on the committee. Kats Gustafson will be retiring as of 1/3/2020. We thank Mike and Kats for their service to our committee and to our college.
 - b. **Canvas roll-out** - the Canvas roll-out has been working very well. Most of the current issues relate to Campus Solutions, e.g., dropped students not appearing on class rosters. Faculty should contact Chris or Trenton for help with these issues. Per Gustafson, to prevent issues, Spring Canvas shells will be available on 12/16, and summer shells will be available one week before classes start. Instructors are being asked to develop all classes in development shells.
 - c. **Training/LMS** – see announcements.
- IV. **Focus Group Research Report and Recommendations**

Discussion was suspended due to interference from Miramar Air Show and spotty internet connection. Members are asked to share the “Recommendations” section with colleagues and discuss how best to be responsive to student input while maintaining

sound pedagogy in their disciplines. Several faculty have requested discussion about equipping online faculty with web cams and other basic items used in teaching online.

V. **Announcements**

- a. Fall Distance Education Summit will be held 10/18/2019, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, at the Continuing Ed North City Campus on Aero Drive. Presentations from SPACES (developed by Mojica, Maduli-Williams, and other online faculty and published last semester as a professional development shell on Canvas) will be part of the offerings. Flex number pending.
- b. [Can-Innovate](#) is a free, online conference designed for California Community College Canvas users. Live presentations will be Friday 10/25/19 from 9:00 – 5:00. These will be archived for later viewing.
- c. [Miramar Online Teaching & Learning Blog](#)- Maduli-Williams briefly outlined a weekly blog on teaching online that she and Cheryl Reed are publishing. Each issue includes data from research and practical tips for using online tools. Feedback from faculty has been positive. Guest contributors are welcome.

Next meeting: October 24

*Due to connectivity issues, we will change the meeting room. Stand by for updates.

San Diego Miramar College 2013-2019 Strategic Goals

Goal 1: Provide educational programs and services that are responsive to change and support student learning and success.

Goal 2: Deliver educational programs and services in formats and at locations that meet student needs.

Goal 3: Enhance the college experience for students and the community by providing student-centered programs, services and activities that celebrate diversity and sustainable practices.

Goal 4: Develop, strengthen and sustain beneficial partnerships with educational institutions, business and industry, and our community.