Joint Committee on Online and Distance Education
Notes
October 25, 2013
Quinn Hall 109
10:00-11:30


Curriculum Affairs Committee:
Kathleen and Diane are attending CAC meetings to ensure online and blended quality. The CAC issued a strong recommendation that the Joint Committee figure out how to put training into place. The Quality Matters membership is helping accomplish this. We need data on other schools that require training and why training is needed.

The committee asked Diane to draft a proposal to the faculty senate requiring faculty to demonstrate competency through participation in training, previous experience, etc. All committee members were in favor of some form of policy for online qualification.

Denise asked that the graduate school also be asked to consider the same proposal.

Sakai support:
Diane shared the Sakai portal page wireframe that is currently being beta tested. There was a recommendation to add privacy issues/policy to the teaching online website. The committee also asked Diane to draft a recommendation to the Provost and CIO to consider using an outside vendor to support Sakai.

Sakai Training:
The committee previewed Joannah’s Sakai training site. It will be a self-paced course, with step-by-step videos for creating a course site, but does not deal with pedagogy. This will be a prerequisite for the teaching fellows course. Vince and Nancy agreed to review the training script.

Mandate Sakai or Password Protected Location of Course Material
Course material and activities that are offered/conducted outside of Sakai or other password protected space pose a problem for financial aid requirements and NEASC accreditation. Faculty can zip any website material into Sakai, so we will continue to encourage faculty to present all course content from within Sakai.

Faculty Technology Survey:
The committee reviewed the faculty technology survey draft. They recommended additions to several questions. The primary focus for the survey was on the technology used, technology support available and satisfaction, as well as feedback on Sakai.