Joint Committee on Online and Distance Education

Agenda

April 5, 2013

Present: Jose Amador, Laura Beauvais, Diane Goldsmith, Katherine Boden, Jim Kinnie, Arthur Mead, Vince Petronio, Susan Brand, Kathleen Torrens, Andrew Bauerband, Kimberly Meyert,

1. Conversations with Curriculum Affairs Committee
From this point forward, the CAC will approve online courses by the course itself, not the instructor. Once the course has been approved it will be the Department’s duty to approve faculty. The policy will officially begin this Fall. Susan Brand will ask the CAC to clarify if faculty who are scheduled to teach in the Fall will need to go through the approval process or not.

Diane and/or Kathleen will begin attending CAC meetings. A CAC member will always attend the Online Joint Committee meetings as well.

2. Presentation to Faculty Senate
On April 18, 2013, Diane Goldsmith, Vince Petronio and Kathleen Torrens will be going to the Faculty Senate Meeting to discuss credentialing and department oversight/accountability for online courses, the Proctored Exam Policy as well as to present statistics on online courses. The presentation will highlight the work of the Committee and on the Office of Online Education with the intent to increase acceptance of online learning at URI and to gain support for initiatives to improve the quality of online courses and instruction

3. Update on Office of Online Learning
State Authorization- Diane is going to Indiana next week to discuss reciprocity around state authorization. Reciprocity would remove the need to obtain authorization from each state (or a waiver) in order to serve students who are taking classes, completing internships, or engaged in other sorts of learning experiences in that state.

The RFP for a vendor is out, currently Diane knows of two companies that are responding, this should be finalized by the end of April.

4. Discussion of top priorities for Office of Online Learning
   a. Online Course Initiatives
   b. Online Faculty Certification
   c. Incorporate online training into URI 101
   d. Clarify online/blended courses in E-Campus

Next meeting will be May 3 at 1:30pm, Library, Conference Room B