



Distance Education Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

May 1, 2009

10:00 – 11:30 am

Planning and Grant Board Room (Dental-144B)

Introductions and Welcome

Objectives and Role of Distance Education Advisory Committee

Election of chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary

Committee Guidelines

Overview of Committee Functions

Questions and Answers

Set the date for next meeting

Adjournment

Minutes

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Chairperson: Joel Welch

Vice Chairperson: Vincent Weaver

Secretary: Karen White

Committee members present: Mary Locke, Susan Couch, Susan McDonald, Karen White, Vincent Weaver, Don Massey, Nancy Stewart, Cathy Murray, Joel Welch, Angie Brown, Diane Thomas, Pam Anthony

Guests: Steve Valand, Lee McMinn

Steve Valand requested that the first task for the committee be to evaluate our current learning management system, Blackboard, with other systems and make recommendations. Lee McMinn emailed all members the link to the website produced by a non-profit company that compares a number of learning management systems. It was also discussed that some criteria be developed for the evaluations and possibly a survey produced to define those criteria. The recommendation is needed by December, 2009.

All members were encouraged to attend the spring PalmettoBUG meeting at the NW campus on May 29th. The newest version of Blackboard will be shown. Diane Thomas sent out the instructions to register for the meeting.

It was also suggested that a member of OIT be invited to serve on the committee.

In addition to evaluating learning management systems, the committee will create consistent policies and procedures for distance learning, including procedures for advising online students.

The next meeting is set for June 19th from 12-1 in the Technology Solutions Center. The committee should have reviewed the different learning managements systems.

