
MEETING MINUTES FOR OCT. 6, 2017

Meeting called to order at: 9:01 a.m.

In attendance: Brian Addington, Julie Armbrecht, Lisa Buehler, Eddy Burke, Paul Davis, Natalie Fisher, Hugh Fraser, Holly Gallup, Candace Garlock (chair), Robin Griffin, Dan Hooper, Thomas Kearns, Nancy O'Neil, Amanda Sabiniano, Brandy Scarnati, Tim III, Roza Weller, Wyatt Ziebell

Guests: Amber Anaya

Absent: Tamera Anderson Jim Collier, Craig Rodrigue, Bill Gallegos, James Phillips, Crystal Swank

Presentation from Yellowdig (collaborative and immersive learning)

The committee received a presentation via video conference from Tyler Rohrbaugh and Adrian de Leon of Yellowdig, a software similar to Facebook. Yellowdig's features included: student ability to post relevant materials and experiences they can share with the class, the instructor can customize the pages for his or her particular class need and the software awards participation points for various activities such as discussion participation. After the demonstration, Paul Davis added that it would be easy with this software to set up discussions and stay current as events unfold. Other concerns raised with the Yellowdig representatives were: if the product is ADA compliant, what kind of student tutorial is available, and what mobile application features were available. Answers from Tyler and Adrian were: the software is ADA compliant and works with all screen readers, there is a pdf reference sheet and a video for student training and the mobile application allows sharing from Twitter and other online sources. Discussion continued after the presenters logged out. Costs and a test pilot were mainly discussed. The cost is based on the number of instructors using the software. Brandy Scarnati offered a login to anyone who would like to test the software in a live class. Other discussion circled around Dan Hooper who has used Yellowdig at another institution. He thought the software was ok but overwhelming for some students who already have multiple school accounts. Dan also said some students did like Yellowdig. Brandy said the software could be integrated in CANVAS. Starfish was also discussed and it was requested for Candace to get usage numbers for comparison.

Approve minutes from September 1, 2017

There was one requested correction to be made to the September 1 minutes: remove Julie Armbrecht from the QM Subcommittee and add Nancy O'Neal. Chair Candace Garlock called for a motion to approve the September 1, 2017 meeting minutes as amended, Lisa Buehler motioned, and Hugh Frasier seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

WebCollege updates – Brandy Scarnati

Brian Fletcher recently was certified for Quality Matters (QM) with PSC 231 - Introduction to International Relations. Additionally, three courses are in process to be certified for QM. There will be a training for You-Do-It on October 16 at 3 p.m. Please check the professional development page for other upcoming trainings.

QM Sub-Committee Update – Lisa Buehler, Chair

The committee is currently working on templates and incorporating QM standards. The goals are to eliminate constant updates and ensure links are correct. The template will come back to WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee before heading to Faculty Senate.

Old Business

None

New Business

Brandy Scarnati asked the committee to review the Faculty Standards for Online Instruction webpage and bring forward any updates or changes. Chair Candace Garlock suggested forwarding students to the Getting Started instructions at their dashboard. Other suggestions made were to change My Dashboard to My Courses. Roza Weller creates a point-based assignment for students that pops up their first day in the student To Do List. Another suggestion was to remove the To Do List entirely as students think that is the only place they need to go. Brandy Scarnati will research with the software developer whether it can be removed. Brandy will also provide statistics of retention rates from QM courses for the committee to review.

Next meeting: December 8, 2017 at 9 a.m. in SIER 117

Meeting adjourned: 9:59 a.m.