

Distance Education Committee Minutes

October 20, 2011

The meeting was opened by John Newman, chairman of the Distance Education Committee, via IAV from the Winnemucca campus to all committee members.

Members Present: Susanne Bentley, Bob Byram, Jim Elithorp, Lisa Frazier, Robert Hannu, Thomas Matula, John Newman, Russ Orr, Stephen Theriault

Meeting was opened at 12:00pm Thursday, October 20, 2011

Old Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. Final discussion and selection of a Learning Management System (LMS) for Great Basin College. All four LMSs were discussed in detail regarding their merits and short comings.

Partial discussion/responses from committee members were as follows:

Member Frazier

Lisa presented the results of the scoring rubric to all committee members. Results indicated that the majority of the faculty supported the Canvas product. Lisa also indicated that cost of any of the four products presented were a determining factor. All could be purchased as GBC has sufficient funds to purchase any of the four products presented.

Member Bentley

Susanne remarked that assessment tool was invaluable to instructors, especially to instructors of online courses.

Member Frazier

Lisa commented that the assessment portion of the Canvas LMS would be extremely beneficial for accountability reporting for accreditation to Cathy Fulkerson. Lisa also commented that Linda Uhlenkott supported the assessment tool in Canvas as it was intuitive to use and would perform exactly as needed for assessment reporting purposes.

Member Theriault

Steve remarked that the Moodle LMS currently being used by students and faculty at WNCC is detrimental to all that are using it. The system is just not user friendly, nor supportive for students and instructor alike.

Member Elithorp

Made a motion to adopt the Canvas LMS platform.

Member Matula

Seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the Canvas LMS unanimously carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

Minutes taken by John Newman.

Respectfully submitted,
John Newman – Chairman Distance Education Committee