Distance Education and Information Technology Committee Annual Report 2016-17

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Meeting dates: September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4

Committee goals

The committee took the following action on goals chosen at its September meeting:

1. Prepare for transition from D2L to Canvas (complete by Spring '18)
   - DEIT Committee course in Canvas activated Jan. 30
   - Updates on the transition to Canvas were shared at each meeting and committee members were encouraged to share questions and comments about the college's learning management system
2. Discuss participation in Online Education Initiative projects, including updating the Distance Education Master Plan
   - At its March meeting the committee updated the plan with specific references to OEI-provided services
3. Implement a backup network connection for CRC
   - This was promised by district office IT in its various reports to the Education Technology Committee
4. Publicize plans for wireless projectors in classrooms
   - The committee encourages next year's committee to make this a goal
5. Discuss mobile device management
   - Survey conducted in December; results shared with Education Technology Committee in February
6. Define lab and lecture in the DE context
   - Written in April meeting and presented to the Academic Senate at its May 12 meeting

Additional items

In addition to the goals the committee took the following actions

Structure of participatory governance committee

The committee discussed the proposed changes to the college's participatory governance to better align with accreditation standards.

DIstrict Technology Plan

The committee provided feedback on the district technology plan.

Accessibility Task Force

The committee discussed the district-wide Accessibility Task Force (formed late in the spring) and looks forward to the work being done by this group.