

University of Mary Washington

Distance and Blended Learning Committee

Academic Year of Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Meeting Date: 04-11-16

Meeting Location: 138 Trinkle

Members in Attendance: Deb Hydorn (CAS), Andrew Marshall (CAS), Chad Murphy (CAS), Sarah Morealli (CAS), Jeff McClurken (Ex-Officio), Hall Cheshire (Ex-Officio), Paul Boger (Ex-Officio), Jesse Stommel (Ex-Officio), Steve Greenlaw (Special guest)

Time of Meeting Start: 3:31pm

Meeting Business:

1. Majority/Hybrid Online Program Proposal

The University Faculty Council (UFC) has charged the Distance and Blended Learning Committee (D&BLC) with the task of developing an approval process form majority-online and hybrid programs. Roberta Gentry, Deb Hydorn, Jeff McClurken, and Sarah Morealli and met on Thursday, April 7 to discuss the preliminary content of this proposal. This meeting resulted in a draft of the proposal application (which departments would fill out and submit to the D&BLC).

The D&BLC (as well, as Steve Greenlaw) discussed the draft to determine what needed to be added or removed. The committee determined:

- a. It is important that these students (who may never step on campus) get the UMW experience.
- b. Building community in an online environment is paramount.
- c. Departments should meet with the DTLT (especially Jesse Stommel) to “get the ball rolling” when designing their online program. DTLT can offer expertise, resources, and guidance when completing this proposal.
- d. It is important that departments acknowledge the limitation of student resources (i.e. UMW does not have a 24-hour help desk) that could put online students at a disadvantage. Departments should determine how they will attempt to overcome these limitations. The committee hopes that a conversation between departments and DTLT will help with this challenge.

A draft of this proposal will be sent to the UFC in time for the April meeting (final meeting of the year). This draft is a work-in-progress.

2. New Committee Appointments for Next Year (Fall 2016-Spring 2017)

The committee will be looking for

- a. A representative from Student Affairs to replace Greta Franklin
- b. Two 3-year term appointments (to replace Deb Hydorn and Roberta Gentry)
- c. One 1-year term appointment (to replace Chad Murphy)

3. Election of a New Chair and Secretary for Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Sarah Morealli (CAS) has been elected Chair

Andrew Marshall (CAS) has been elected Secretary

Time of Adjournment: 4:48pm