MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
— MINUTES —
Thursday, March 12, 2015

Approved

PRESENT: Michael Bartulis, Ron Burgher, James Eighmey, Jackie Martin-Klement, Karen McGurk, Paulino Mendoza, Lillian Payn, Nancy Thuleen

ABSENT: Karen Donovan, José Fernandez, Marlene Forney, Sherry Goldsmith

CALL TO ORDER: The March 12 meeting was called to order by the Chair Lillian Payn at 2:05 p.m. in Room LL 109.

MINUTES: The February 26, 2015 minutes were approved as corrected.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. The Best of the Best Showcase was discussed: Mike was able to get a commitment from Brad Mauro of Blackboard to sponsor donated prize gift cards. (Thank you, Mike!) Lillian has sent out email announcements to faculty, announcements at various meetings, and specific targeted emails to faculty teaching online reminding them of the showcase. The Telescope also had a feature article on the Feb. 23 edition, page 13, about the Showcase.

INFORMATION:

1. Accreditation : Lillian attended the exit forum from the Accreditation visiting team and summarized the 6 commendations and 6 recommendations. While POET wasn't recognized for addressing the previous accreditation study recommendations, it was not found to be deficient in preparing instructors to teach online. Lillian prepared an additional notebook for POET and the ATC to share with the visiting team at one of the interviews. The interviewers took the time to go through the notebook page by page. A recommendation was the need for an online tutoring program. Those services are very costly, and our union does not support any further loss of positions that could be taken by Palomar staff. This is particularly challenging since we have no staffing plan for 24/7 services. We shall wait for the June final WASC report that we expect to officially itemize these and perhaps other issues.

   Our recommendations for accreditation access to our Blackboard courses were not totally followed, but in the end, they were adopted. While further courses and access were requested, the only additional courses that were requested were two TV courses. Perhaps this was to verify the degree of student engagement, since during the interviews they were looking for a distinction between correspondence courses and interactive distance education courses.

2. DIL: Jackie and Lillian have a tentative appointment with Dean Brian Stockert on Monday 3/23 at 1 pm in SSC 38, per one of Dean Adrian Gonzales' recommendation. The meeting will be to explore how to implement a pilot assessment for DIL and to identify other key people on campus who can move this project forward.

3. Website Task Force: ATRC is providing a major effort for the campus Website, for branding and consistency, with the leadership of Dean Kahn. We are arriving at some final decisions, so please look for the "big reveal" soon. Note that there will be an update to the campus site, and then recommendations for the variations that would work with the campus site for departments and faculty, etc. The focus has been on what is the best User Experience for current and new students, as well as others who are looking for information on the website.

4. POET statistics:

81 certificates awarded to date since launching POET in Spring 2012, with 13 awarded Fall, 2014 and 1 awarded already this Spring, 2015.

SAO Report for BB activity:
    Total Enrollments: 69,469
    Courses Available: 1,410
    Total Courses: 2,550
    Total Courses available to instructors in system: 6,322 (includes previous semesters)
    Adoption Rate: 55.3%
    Average Course Enrollment: 27.2
    Pageviews: 3,223,945

MEETINGS: SCHEDULE (LL 104), 2:00 – 3:30 pm / 2nd, 4th Thursdays

        3/26
        4/9
        4/23

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http://www2.palomar.edu/pages/academic-technology-committee/
http://www2.palomar.edu/pages/onlineshowcase/
http://www.certiport.com/
https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.