

Distance Education Committee 2013-2014 Progress Report

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1. Reviewed Course Management System Options. The committee had extensive discussions regarding CMS options and how best to address SMC's needs.
 - a. Canvas Presentation, Fall 2013
 - b. Pearson Learning Studio Presentation, Spring 2014.
2. Kept apprised of California Community College Online Education Initiative. Related to #1 above, the committee received regular reports on the status of the statewide initiative and discussed implications for SMC.
3. Produced faculty article addressing Census Drop Roster and Verification for distance education and hybrid faculty. Addressed substantive participation and AR 4320.
4. Created and launched DE student survey with Institutional Research. Administered Spring 2014.
5. Identified Faculty Training Options.
 - a. Developed DE Faculty Certification pilot with The Center, Summer and Fall 2014
6. Addressed Accessible Instructional Resources
7. Recommended Instructional Materials Requirements Taskforce. DE and ISC joint item.
8. Launched faculty self-service course duplication process (extended features) (Summer 2014)
9. Co-sponsored faculty Technology Retreat with ISC. Winter 2014
10. Offered Flex Day breakout sessions
 - a. Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014

Work-in-progress

11. Course Shell Faculty Evaluation
12. Identify Top 10 Best Practices for digital education
13. SMC.edu connectivity and student access to Pearson Learning Studio
14. Honor Signature for students, e.g. Duke University. Should we develop an option for SMC?
15. Add codes for DE. The impact of the wait list on DE.