

Meeting convened @ 3:30 P.M. Union 213

Attending: Don Crawford, Michael Raine, Ann Knackendoffel, Julia Keen, Mark Grinter, Keith Wyss, David Rintoul (Chair). Invited Guests – Ken Stafford

Approval of Minutes - Minutes from August 17, 2010 were approved.

Old Business

1. BoR distance education draft policy - how can we be proactive, what is the best strategy for KSU?
 - a. Discussion of concerns included assessment of our plans relative to our mission, how will we be judged (evaluation criteria on page 5 are sketchy), disconnect between “guiding principles” which seem to stress collaboration and conformity as well as desire to have institutions develop plans appropriate to its nature and mission. Practical considerations included lack of instructional evaluation of DCE courses, funding and credit for DCE vs. department, system where on-campus faculty are also delivering the bulk of DCE courses; lack of time or incentive for over-stressed faculty members to develop new distance ed courses, articulation agreements that might allow distance courses elsewhere to transfer in as full credit at KSU even though the course itself may be inferior to our on-campus courses. Philosophical concerns revolved around the need to differentiate ourselves from the thousands of institutions in the distance education business, resource allocation between brick-and-mortar educational mission and distance mission, and the desire to “do it well or don’t do it at all”.
 - b. Rintoul was tasked with drafting a document to formulate and clarify these concerns and questions so that the university leadership and the KBOR can be aware of them during the development of this policy. Faculty involvement in planning this part of the mission needs to be early and extensive.
 - c. Student leadership needs to be involved, particularly in regard to the question of desirability of online v. face-to-face courses.
2. **iTunes U - how can we get this started again?**
 - a. Previous FacSen resolution of March 10, 2009 generated a response that indicated participation in iTunes U (<http://www.apple.com/education/itunes-u/>) was unacceptable based on the opinion of the university and KBOR attorneys. No details in that message, but committee members mentioned issues about intellectual property. Since other institutions do participate in this enterprise, it seems likely that these issues may not be insurmountable.
 - b. Contact with Scott Finkeldei and former FSCOT chair Tweed Ross was suggested in order to get some answers to these questions before we decide how to proceed.
3. **iSIS update**
 - a. Upgrade to v 9.0 during Thanksgiving week, 2010. Stay tuned, but also alert your faculty members to this imminent event.

- b.** Testing of new navigational tools will proceed in September and October, with advisors and students. Thanks to all who volunteered (25 faculty members recruited via FSCOT members).
- c.** Grade submission confusion for faculty members (“Have I completed all the steps needed to submit my grades?”) may be resolved soon.
- d.** Roster changes may be changed from current slow, paper-based system to something a bit more timely. Issues with security (digital signatures) and effects of reducing student hours, financial aid ramifications also need to be kept in mind.

New Business – none
Adjourned 4:45 PM

Next Meeting – September 21, 2010 in Calvin 301. Fran Willbrandt added to the listserv distribution list as a sub for Mark Grinter, including at this upcoming meeting.