## **Distributed Education Coordination Council**

## 11/01/2006 **Minutes**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. District – Professional Development Center

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FURTHER ACTION
Review and Approval of Minutes	Motion to approved by T.L. Brink, seconded by Jack Jackson	
Crafton Hills reports	Crafton has refined their process for CurricUnet and the request for approval of an online class. They have created a separate DE addendum that has to be completed and a certification process for online instructors in place.	
	Crafton is also working on a strategic plan for online support and instruction. Jack Jackson provided a copy of the plan that Valley put together in 2003.	
	TL was concerned that Crafton had no process in place to allow part time instructors to teach online courses. He expressed concern that there would be several courses that would not be taught because full time instructors were no longer interested in teaching them	Denise expressed that with the new certification process, she does not feel this will be an issue. Part time instructors will be able to prove their ability and experience to teach an online class.
	There was discussion regarding the Blackboard training at Crafton that Chuck Dean and an outside source conduct.	Denise stated that perhaps an online Blackboard class should be considered due to time constraints.
Valley College reports	Valley is reviewing the process by which Hybrid courses are classified.	
Training apportunities Post some in January Const.	Valley has enough courses online and hybrid that is causing some confusion, They are looking at a Universal Access Point that would funnel the students from one website to the website they need for their particular class. The address is online.valleycollege.edu.	Jack is working with DCS and Chuck to get this website completed,
Training opportunities Boot camp in January; Great Online Teachers' Retreat in April	The Boot camp for Blackboard training is January 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12. The dates for the Great Online Teachers retreat are through 26 <sup>th</sup> through the 28th of April in San Marcos.	

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Discussion items		
Sample shell in Blackboard for guest access for students	There was discussion regarding the different types of shells and access in Blackboard that both colleges are requesting	
Implementation of a DECC sub-committee for the management of Blackboard at the campus level. The chair will be Chuck Dean	Based on the anticipated growth of Backboard use as well as the e-commerce system being implemented, there is more of a need to have individuals at a campus level assist in the management of Blackboard.	Chuck requested that individuals interested in participating in this committee e-mail him
When to schedule the first run from Datatel to Blackboard to create courses and populate users for the upcoming semester (Currently it is 6 weeks prior to the official semester start date. It this good or shall we consider additional time? Maybe 8 weeks? Would this vary depending on semester considering inherent breaks or use the same	The vote was to have this process take place at 10 weeks unless there are problems and then the date may be pushed back	
number of weeks for all semesters?)  • Intellectual copyright issues.	This issue will be discussed further at the December meeting.	
Automating the information for the Universal Access Point at SBVC.	DCS, Valley and Chuck are working on the establishment of this site. As stated above, it will be online.valleycollege.edu and will then direct the students to the page for their applicable course.	
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Next Meeting	December 6, 2006 10 am at the PDC	