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| **Distance Education Coordination Council**Trelisa Glazatov, Jack Jackson, Rihannon Lares, Rania Hamdy,T.L. Brink, Denise Allen, Dean Pappas, Glen Kuck | **11/9/2015****Minutes****1:30-2:30 pm****District Annex Conference room**  |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **FURTHER ACTION**  |
| Review and Approval of Minutes | Approved by Jack Jackson, seconded by Denise Allen |  |
| Crafton Hills reports |  |  |
| Valley College Reports |  |  |
| Distance Education Reports  |  |  |
| Discussion Items Blackboard Ultra Demo Site (Tre)Canvas and participation in the OEI (Tre/Glen) | Sue Burris from Blackboard joined the committee virtually to discuss how to access the Blackboard Demo Site and test out the Blackboard Ultra feature. Blackboard Ultra is comparable to the Canvas LMS and will be available in 2016. The sandbox site is available to the campus as they discuss LMS options and the OEI. Sue Burris has also set up virtual office hours for questions regarding the features. Any faculty who wants login credentials can contact Trelisa.There was discussion about the recent OEI communication regarding Canvas and participating in the OEI.  Previously, the OEI has stated that participating in the consortium  was not contingent on which LMS you are using.  Now, the OEI is communicating that if colleges want to participate in the consortium (i.e. offer online courses through the State’s consortium model AND have students take courses through the exchange) then your college’s acceptance into the consortium is contingent on  your college using only Canvas as the LMS.   There are also other requirements as well. The committee had various questions regarding the requirements and process of participating. Glen has reached out to OEI’s Pat James to clarify the requirements. The MOU for participation is not yet available to anyone outside of the participating pilot colleges. The DECC’s concern is having colleges commit without seeing the language of the MOU and understanding the implications. It was suggested that colleges wait until the MOU is available so that all available information can be taken into account. There was also a concern about the level of engagement at the colleges around the decisions that needed to be made. Trelisa reminded that all information the DE office is receiving is being made on the teachlearnandtech.ning website so the college can refer to a central source. Rania suggested asking if Pat James would be willing to participate in a regional forum that can be hosted by SBCCD so that we can get questions answered directly from the state. Glen will follow up with Pat to see if she has availability and if she would be willing to do a regional forum. |  |
| Next Meeting | January 25, 2016 |  |