eCampus Faculty Senate Advisory Committee Meeting  
December 4, 2007

Present:  Patricia Cruzeiro, Kathryn Zuckweiler, Scott Fredrickson, Paul Smith, Trecia Markes, Mary Daake, Sheryl Heidenreich, Steve McGahan, Gloria Vavricka

Absent:  Wyatt Hoback

Minutes from November 6th meeting were approved via email.

Agenda:

Online Course Evaluation – In follow-up to the 2007 working charge from Faculty Senate that online/distance education student evaluations were quite low when compared to on-campus student evaluations, the following inquiries were made:

A Senate representative was contacted to inquire if the above said comparison was supported by official data.

An email was sent to the four technology support people within each college asking for the number of Fall 2007 student evaluation responses by college and by course number.  To date, we have heard back from one of the colleges.

It was proposed that ITS be given the role of distributing all student course evaluations rather than the colleges.  That might give more consistency to the process and hopefully safeguard against potential manipulation.  Steve will be meeting with Andrea Childress this week and will inquire about the feasibility of this suggestion.

24/7 Help Desk – Unofficially the Help Desk, after hours, has been receiving about 20-25 calls a week.

Web Conferencing Software – The eCampus staff sat in on a web conferencing demo from Wimba recently.  Web Conferencing is a collected set of tools that allows users to interact, meet, and collaborate synchronously over the Internet (or asynchronously if the discussion is taped).  We are also trying to set up demos with Elluminate, Macromedia Breeze and NetMeeting.  If there are members from the committee who would like to be included in on the demo, please let us know.  So far Scott, Patricia, Kathryn and Trecia have expressed an interest in joining the group when we get more of the demos set up.
Because of time constraints, discussion regarding the Assessment Report will be covered at our next meeting.

The last eLuncheon for the Fall Semester will be Wednesday, December 5. The eLuncheon will host a panel discussion of four faculty members who teach online and one online student.

The Committee took a tour of the new computer training lab.

Tentatively our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 5 at 10:30 a.m. in CMCT/218. Julie will send out an email to the committee members to confirm if the appointed day and time works out for everyone’s schedule during the spring semester.

Respectfully submitted

Julie Saalfeld