Blended Learning Taskforce Meeting
November 20, 2013, 11:00 am
Summary

Present: Dr. M. Bishop, Dr. S. Hanson, Dr. C. Harle, Dr. A. Kane (by phone), Dr. M. Perri, Dr. J. Pomeranz, Dr. C. Prins, Dr. K. Von Castel Roberts, Ms. Susan White
Absent: Dr. A. Cantrell, Dr. M. Marsiske, Ms. S. Griner (student), Dr. O. Shechtman

1. Dr. Hanson led a discussion about the BL website and noted that some changes based on feedback from the group have already been implemented. Resources. Agreed to add UF training resources. Decided not to add BL presentations from the ELC Strategic Planning Retreat. The group agreed to produce short videos of their experiences with teaching in the blended model. AP: Dr. Kane agreed to draft a video demonstrating a recording with the aim of presenting how easy it can be. It was agreed to create a subhead in resources called “Tech Tools.” AP: Susan White will provide her Camtasia tutorial with screen shots to be uploaded to this section.

2. Dr. Hanson agreed to create a course list and timeline that will include information about the degree to which the course is blended. AP: Taskforce members will send Dr. Hanson brief descriptions of their courses to include in the course list.

3. The group next discussed the student survey. It was agreed that the purpose of the evaluation is to gather information about the process not about the course content. It was agreed that a good introduction about the purpose of the survey will be important. It was agreed that a comparison to traditional classroom model may not be the most effective means of gathering information. It was agreed to focus on the extent to which the BL model facilitated learning. It was further agreed that a quantitative and qualitative measures would be helpful. The group discussed a matrix that would have students rate the course elements in the categories of acquisition of material and application of knowledge. Some other parameters that group members would like to add included: does the course have the right mix of online and in class? What else would have helped student readiness?
   AP: Dr. Hanson will draft a version and send to the group by Friday.

4. The group next discussed implementation of the survey. It was agreed that the survey should be given in class when necessary.

5. Dr. Hanson reminded the group to let her know about network access issues.

6. AP: Brigit will send a Doodle poll with other meeting times for Spring 2014.

7. AP: Dr. Pomeranz will follow up with Sarah Griner regarding her participation.
8. Dr. Hanson announced that an offer has been made to one of the Instructional Designer candidates.