

College of Public Health, USF
Educational Technology and Assessment (ETA) Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
Sept. 20, 2012
9:30 am to 11:00 am
Executive Conference Room (2024)

Present: Azizan, A., Burke, S., Mortimer, J., K., Pracht, E., Srinivasan, S. and Thompson, E.

Absent: Mlynarek, S., O'Rourke., Perrin, K., Troutman, A. and Wathington, D.

Dr. Mortimer called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

1. Review and approval of minutes of May 27 meeting (J. Mortimer)

Dr. Mortimer reviewed the minutes of May 27th meeting. The committee approved the minutes with no further changes.

2. Introduction: New ETA Committee Student Member (S. Srinivasan)

Ms. Srinivasan introduced Erika Thompson as the new ETA Committee's student member. Ms. Thompson is a doctoral student in the Dept. of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

3. ETA Course Schedule 2012-13 Spring and Summer 2013 (S. Srinivasan)

Ms. Srinivasan shared information regarding total number of fall courses (77) was being offered. She mentioned that ETA has received the total number of revamp/new courses for Spring and Summer 2013 semesters as well. Hiring additional instructional designers over the Summer will assist with the increased workload. Dr. Mortimer suggested that courses needed marketing to improve enrollment numbers.

4. Canvas Transition Plan, Training and Implementation (S. Srinivasan)

Ms. Srinivasan informed the group that Canvas has recently signed an agreement with USF as our new learning management system. Canvas is a hosted service and is based on the same platform Amazon uses. It is designed to accommodate millions of users accessing the system. Per currently available information, Blackboard contract with USF will end Dec. 2013. The transition phase between Canvas and Blackboard will be a little over a year. Fall 2013 will be the last semester instructors will be able to use Blackboard at USF. Blackboard will continue to be available as a read-only access for a short period thereafter. The COPH will have over 75-100 online courses in Spring that will need to be transitioned to Canvas. Dr. Petersen is inclined to have all online and campus courses move to Canvas in a single semester and not have it spread out into multiple semesters. ETA is working with USF Health ID Directors to prepare for faculty and student training. Further information on workshops and training opportunities will be released by email as it becomes available.

5. General Updates: (S. Srinivasan)

- a. Fall 2012 Courses: A total of 77 courses are offered online. Current enrollment is at 4244.
- b. Faculty Conference Application: An email with new conference dates was sent to COPH faculty. Please remind your dept. faculty to apply if interested.
- c. ASPH Distance Learning Symposium Oct. 28th: As part of the ASPH Annual Meeting, the Council on Learning Futures is organizing a half day symposium on Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).
- d. Moodle Update:
 - i. OTI: The ETA office is working with transitioning three courses to Moodle and is scheduled to meet with IS on Oct. 4th to further move the project. Additional courses are in the pipeline for development.
 - ii. Panama Course: has a total enrollment of 60 students and is scheduled to end in the first week of December.

6. New Business

No new business was raised.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012, 9:30 am – 11 am, Executive Conference Room 2024