

DE NEWS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING BEYOND PROPOSALS?

In an attempt to keep you informed about all that's happening in DE on campus (and to encourage you to get involved in these initiatives), I thought I'd try an occasional newsletter. Here's just a few of the activities:

Program Review

We're meeting with the Program Review Committee on February 23rd at 10:00 to get feedback on our Program Review submission. All are encouraged to attend.

Joint Meeting with LPC

We've scheduled a joint meeting of our DE Committee with LPC's DE Committee on Friday, March 30th at 9:30 at the District office to discuss

common Blackboard issues, online tutoring and counseling opportunities and more. We need a good contingent of Chabot faculty at that meeting.

Basic Skills Funding

\$6,000 of the Basic Skills/Immigrant Education grant has been allocated to online efforts. In an initial meeting with Ron Taylor and Cristina Ruggiero, we identified 3 possible areas: hybrid online basic math and English courses and computer literacy or internet research courses. More ideas are welcome.

Film About Online Students

We collected about 100 essays from online students to serve as inspiration for

our student filmmakers. They're sorting through the essays to identify themes. We hope to complete a short film by the end of summer.

Institutional Research

We're meeting with Carolyn Arnold and Rajinder Samra on February 7th at 11:00 to begin to develop a plan to collect the data we identified in our program review "rocks". Everyone is welcome to attend.

Evaluation of Online Courses

We're piloting a program this semester to evaluate online courses. The evaluating faculty and administrators need to be trained, and we need to identify trainers and training materials.

ONLINE COURSE GROWTH:

- *We've almost doubled the number of online courses vs Spring 2006. We now have 57 courses vs. 31 a year ago.*
- *13 more instructors are teaching online than did last year, an increase of 59%*
- *We're still trying to validate the numbers, but online enrollments appear to be up almost 70% vs. last year*
- *Two certificates (Office Technology and Business Management) are now available totally online*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 7, 11 AM:
INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

FEBRUARY 20, NOON: DE
COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 23, 10 AM:
PROGRAM REVIEW

MARCH 6, NOON: DE
COMMITTEE

MARCH 20, NOON: DE
COMMITTEE

MARCH 30, 9:30 AM:
MEETING WITH LPC

TRAINING MATERIALS

We have been given the rights to use the @One online teaching course materials and an online faculty training course developed by LPC. These may form the foundation of a Chabot faculty online teaching curriculum.

We are also in discussions with an instructor that has developed a course entitled "Becoming a Successful Online Student" about licensing her course to use as a starting point for development of a similar course for our students. This course

includes a module on "Finding and Evaluating Information on the Internet". Our online student film may also be incorporated into these efforts, as will the results of our program review investigations.