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President’s Taskforce for Online Learning and Services

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Meeting Summary

Present: Ron Core, Teresa Thompson, Gary Means, Billy Griffis, Christian Flathman, Mike Deal, Sarah Smith, Connie Murphey, Tony Bretti, Mike Smith, Dick Diebolt (for Charles Patterson), Pam Deal, Steve Burrell.

Meeting Objectives:

A. Review outcomes of assigned activities.

Discussion Summary:

Financials

Dr. Core reported that the first meeting focused on discussion concerning issues and factors relative to revenue collection. Subsequent meetings will discuss revenue distribution. A model will be developed by early June.

Enrollment Management

Dr. Thompson stated the enrollment management team had comprised a list of needed resources. The numbers of resources required depends on other decisions such as length of academic term and enrollment goals among others. A more exact identification of needed resources is possible once the academic program is more clearly defined.

Determination: We will not model the systems supporting our B.GS program on GOML constructs.

Determination: We have the ability and it may be prudent to initially cap enrollments in a new online program in order to effectively service those students.

Academics

Dr. Means outlined the timeline and milestones. B.GS. program will move for approval to Faculty Senate in June and to Board of Regents by August. Following a 30 day response period we anticipate
approval in October or November and the ability to offer courses in January, 2011. **A timeline document is available on the Sharepoint site.**

**Dr. Bretti provided information on B.GS course development.** Dr. Smith confirmed that the initial B.GS concentrations were chosen based on course availability. Hence, many of the courses are available now. Not all of the courses were developed using Center for Online Learning instructional designers. The next cohort of faculty to work on these courses begins in May. Dr. Bretti will provide a dashboard which clearly shows the courses, their status and if they are designed using COL resources.

**Dr. Smith has collected academic questions and issues concerning the B.GS.** These questions are posted on the Sharepoint website. Answers to these questions are foundational to the program and to determining the resources required to support the program. Dean Smith and Provost Means will work towards providing answers to these questions.

**Assignments:**

**Financials**

**By early June, VP Core will convene a sub-taskforce to determine a recommended business model/plan associated with bachelor of general studies.** The model/plan will include up-front costs, operational expenses, and revenues. Scalability will also be considered. The business model plan must be completed by the end of May to meet deadline for processes associated with the Board of Regents.

**Enrollment Management and Student Services.**

**VP Thompson will use an existing enrollment management committee to identify the impact of 8 week terms related to enrollment management and student services.**

**Academics**

**Provost Means and Dean Smith will work to clarify the B.GS program attributes and issues raised by the faculty.**

**Dean Bretti will provide a dashboard of courses required by online B.GS program, schedule for developing course content, and the status of course development.**