



**ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE
DISTANCE EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

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None
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1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Rick Balogh, Distance Education and Technology Committee (DETC) Faculty Co-Chair, called the February 14, 2012 DETC meeting to order at 3:40p.m.

2) COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Nothing to add

3) OPENING COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. November 8, 2011 (attachment)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 8, 2011 Distance Education and Technology Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

5) ACTION ITEMS

None

6) DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Course Management System

Mr. Balogh comments, if we change course management systems the more time we have to transition the better. The decision made by this committee quickly would be advantageous. If we discuss today and bring up any questions then we have two weeks to answer those questions and have an action item ready to go February 28, 2012. Mr. Sawicki looked at the site from an accessibility point of view and found that Etudes is not so bad and is easier to navigate it is laid out better from an accessibility point of view than Moodlerooms, I'd have to have a little more time with Blackboard, it looked like it was a little better because they use something called landmarks (another way to navigate without visually seeing the page) that Moodlerooms and Etudes do not. Blackboard will get back to us with an updated cost the 27th of February, when that comes to us we are asked to keep those costs confidential. As it stands the costs are:

Current Systems Price Structure			
	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
Blackboard	\$140,000.00	\$144,200.00	\$148,526.00
Moodlerooms	\$87,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Etudes	\$42,000.00	\$84,000.00	\$84,000.00

Moodlerooms built in \$7,000 of first year costs is for setup and training of a few people, if we want to train more than a few people the cost will be roughly 20% of the 80,000. Etudes is \$84,000 with the number of users we want but with a 50% discount the first year, they will train and interact with us giving personalized training. Etudes will not give anyone a shell until they have completed and scored adequately on the training. The faculty union has no objections to the necessity to have the training before being given a shell to teach online.

Mr. Madlock asks about the Etudes and Banner compatibility issue. - Scott Tuss wrote a program that will work to make those softwares compatible without costs. Mr. Balogh adds Katherine Mergliano suggest contributing money so that IT can work with the interface and insure it's compatibility and rollout in a timely manner, she suggest \$10,000.

The committee is thinking to contract with whichever system for five years. However Etudes and Moodlerooms are not particular with how many years we go with them, it is a yearly basis contract. Etudes doesn't charge for any improvements and there is unlimited storage, every school gets the same software. We can alter the services to change the price of Blackboard. There is a concern that Etudes is half the cost of Blackboard and are we may be getting what we pay for.

Mr. Shafer asks who administers each system. Mr. Balogh states that Etudes is administered by Etudes and has their own servers and own email, however they do train a couple people here. Mr. Madlock added they will need at least two administrators here, one on technical side and one on the business side, which is consistent with all of the systems. We should read over the maintenance contract and make sure we a purchasing the support we require, especially for the first year.

Mr. Hood read from a report to the academic senate of Foothill College 2009 (attachment A) written about Etudes. Mr. Hood read an email received by Mr. Balogh dated January 2012 concerning Etudes course management system (attachment B).

Mr. Hood reports that he has surveyed Language Arts today but has only received nine responses of 110.

Ms. Bednar asks that the committee create a survey monkey to go out to all faculty before our next meeting asking if they use the course management system do you like it, hate it, would you be willing to change. Can we send this out campus wide? Response is we have done this a hundred times and people don't care to respond. Not sure this is needed again.

Mr. Krynen says faculty and students will have to learn new software with any change. Biggest concern is introducing users to a new thing. We need to understand that we have many non-online instructors using Blackboard. There were floods of complaint just moving from Blackboard 7 to Blackboard 9. We need to force the instructor to take the training.

7) OTHER

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8) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the February 14, 2012 Distance Education and Technology Committee meeting at 4:35 p.m. Motion carried.

MEMBERS PRESENT			ABSENT MEMBERS
Rick Balogh	Nancy Bednar	Calvin Madlock	Mike Wilmes
Priscilla Jenison	Walter Briggs III	Ken Sawicki	Tom O'Neil
Charles Hood	Scott Lee	Greg Krynen	Joseph West
Bonnie Curry	Ken Shafer		Classified Union Rep. Vacant
			ASO Rep. Vacant