Members present: John Freitas (chair), Greg Beyrer, Christina Gold, Eileen Smith, Fabiola Torres
Members absent: Kale Braden (excused), Dolores Davison (excused)
Guests: Michelle Pilati

I. Call to Order – 10:00 AM

II. Approval of the Agenda – approved with no changes

III. Approval of the January 30, 2015 minutes – approved with no changes

IV. Public Comments - none

V. Action/Discussion items
   a. @ONE Curriculum Revision – M. Pilati (guest)
      Michelle Pilati joined the meeting to discuss the revisions to the @ONE faculty online course design and pedagogy training that are in progress for the Online Education Initiative. The following were discussed/mentioned:
      • The @ONE courses are being unified into a single 12-week course, with a plan to break it into modules if faculty only want to take specific modules. It is expected that faculty enrolled in the course could expect to spend 10 hours per week on the course.
      • The course will have a Creative Commons license, and pieces can be “pulled out” and used/customized by colleges for local use.
      • The plan is to offer continuing education units at some point.
      • The course will be loaded into Canvass, which is the CMS selected for the OEI.
      • A question was asked about what kind of organization @ONE is. M. Pilati replied that it is technically overseen by Palomar College but run out of Mt. San Jacinto College. It is funded by a Chancellor’s Office grant.
      • It was asked if an @ONE course just on regular and effective contact could be developed. M. Pilati replied that regular and effective contact is infused throughout the @ONE curriculum, but a special course on the topic could be explored.
      • It was asked if the cost of the course to users had been discussed. M. Pilati stated it was not known yet.
      • @ONE course is instructor mediated, but modules may be designed so that they don’t have to be instructor mediated and can be self-paced.
c. Ideas for resolutions
   • J. Freitas discussed what he learned at a recent ACCJC accreditation team training regarding the ACCJC application of the federal regular and substantive contact requirement for distance education. J. Freitas reported that when he asked ACCJC Vice President Jack Pond to confirm that regular and substantive contact applies to hybrid/blended courses, he replied that it only applies to fully online courses. (Note: Title 5 requires regular and effective contact for all instructional hours offered online, regardless of fully online or hybrid)
   • The committee expressed serious concerns about this interpretation by the ACCJC. J. Freitas noted that Title 5 only applies to the CCCs, not the proprietary colleges, and that ACCJC accredits proprietaries as well. Proprietaries could simply offer a mandatory and brief in-person session for their online courses, and then teach the online portion as correspondence education under this interpretation.
   • A possible resolution on this issue was discussed. Since G. Beyrer is attending spring plenary, J. Freitas will work with him on drafting a resolution that he or K. Braden could bring to the Area A meeting so that the resolution would be distributed to the field in the pre-session packet.
   • F. Torres noted that it would be useful for the field if examples of what regular and effective contact is not could be illustrated to help faculty understand better what regular and effective contact is.
   • Also discussed was a crafting a Rostrum article on the role of local senates in decision-making regarding local DE matters, choosing to participate in the OEI, selecting a course management system, etc. J. Freitas noted that the body adopted two resolutions (17.01 F14 and 17.02 F14) on collegial consultation with local senates on participation in statewide initiatives such as OEI, and asserting
faculty primacy in decision-making on local distance education matters.

(Note: at the 1/30 meeting, D. Davison and F. Torres agreed to partner on a Rostrum article to address resolution 17.02 F14 on faculty primacy in local DE decision-making.

d. Spring 2015 Plenary DE-related breakouts (information) – J. Freitas noted that there will be two online education related breakout sessions at spring plenary
   i. Hot Topics – Accreditation: presenters are Dolores Davison, Stephanie Curry and John Freitas
   ii. OEI Update: Presenters are Pat James, Jory Hadsell, Dan Crump and John Freitas

VI. Announcements – J. Freitas reminded the committee of the upcoming senate events, encouraged committee members who planned to attend plenary or the curriculum institute to register now. J. Freitas also encouraged members who have never attended the Leadership Institute to attend.
   a. Next Rostrum deadline is April 18
   b. Academic Academy, March 13-14, Westin South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa - registration deadline is February 20.
   c. Area Meetings, Friday, March 27 (Areas A and B) and Saturday, March 28 (Areas C and D), locations vary
   d. ASCCC Spring Plenary Session, April 9-11, SFO Westin Hotel.
   e. Faculty Leadership Institute, June 11-13, San Jose Marriott Hotel
   f. Curriculum Institute, July 9-11, Anaheim-Orange County Doubletree
   g. Upcoming Executive Committee Meetings: March 6-7 (Riverside City College), April 8 (Berkeley City College)
   h. Next meetings: Friday /Saturday, March 20/21; Friday, April 24, 10:00

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.