

# **Distance Learning Subcommittee on Common Navigational Experience in Blackboard**

Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2019

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Distance Learning Subcommittee on Common Navigational Experience in Blackboard was called to order at 3:33pm on February 7, 2019 in TEC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room by Susan Heyde.

## **Present**

Benjamin Cagle, Susan Heyde, Genevieve White, Caroline Hammond, Vicki Badgley, Jim Roomsburg, Dr. Rhonda Lee-Ernest

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the committee with the condition of item part V to be corrected to show 'TEC 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room' not 'CTE 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room'.

## **Open Issues**

Committee agreed that its purpose is to make recommendations on how to create a common navigational experience for students in Blackboard—a user friendly interface.

Benjamin Cagle presented a 6 minute video of the diverse navigation experience students have using Blackboard in each class. The Committee agreed that there is a need for students to have a Common Navigational Experience (CNE) using Blackboard.

Committee consensus was that each BB course should have a common navigational experience structure and format. The items to be included would meet the requirements for Distance Learning Best Practices, ADA guidelines, Quality Matters, college-wide required notices and documents, and Student Service's service areas links. It was suggested that a navigational document be supplied to student for each course.

Dr. Cynthia Meyer emailed the committee with a list of concerns about standardized Blackboard course design. She feels it is intrusive and restricts academic freedom of faculty. The committee consensus was that the need for a CNE outweighed Dr. Meyer's concerns.

Changing the Blackboard entry page default was discussed. There was a discussion on both faculty and student surveys for input and button usage. It was suggested that no

more than two levels of “click through” should be designed. A final consensus was not reached on these issues.

To ease faculty concerns it was suggested to have Benjamin Cagle make a presentation to the faculty affairs committee as to the need for a Common Navigational Experience in Blackboard for students.

Concluding consensus included having each BB course have a CNE section that could not be modified and a course design section that faculty could customize. It was determined that the most commonly used menu buttons should be included in the CNE section of the Blackboard course design.

### **New Business**

No new business was discussed

### **Agenda for Next Meeting**

It was agreed that narrowing down what menu items should be included would be a task to complete for the next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:39pm by Susan Heyde. The next general meeting will be at 3:30pm on February 21, in the TEC 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room. The next meetings room usage reservation is to be done by Benjamin Cagle.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Heyde

Approved by: Name