

DISTANCE EDUCATION ACTION TEAM

Date of meeting: Wednesday October 4, 2000, at 2.00 p.m.

In attendance: Nick Kolb, John Eck, John Butzow and Tony Joseph (chair).
Excused were: Joel Anderson.

Items discussed

1. Current status of distance education on campus
2. Accomplishment and future role of the committee

Members expressed satisfaction with direction and approach of distance education on campus given the limited resources. Some of these can be attributed to the work of this committee. Specifically they acknowledged:

- a. Faculty encouragement to appropriately use multi-media resources including the Internet such as WebCT, in the classroom as instructional tools, with IDC as the managing and coordinating unit.
- b. The focusing of Distance Education courses on capitalizing new markets and promoting unique programs, with the School of Continuing Education as the managing and coordinating unit.
- c. The development of criteria as per Article 27 (E) of the CBA for course approval, and inclusion of criteria for reviewing the delivery of the distance education courses particularly for use of technology, interaction between instructor and student, and quality by a university-wide committee.

The committee reviewed the opinions (both from the instructors and students) on their learning and technical experiences gained from the course pursued during summer 2000. Nick presented this and it was recommended that he share this information with the ACPAC membership.

With consensus, it was agreed that the committee should be placed in abeyance, with Dr. Kolb updating ACPAC membership on courses offered and evaluation, changes to the distance education plan and other related matters.

Meeting ended at 3.15 p.m.

Motion for Action:

“That the distance education action team be placed in abeyance, with Dr. Kolb updating ACPAC membership on courses offered and evaluation, changes to the distance education plan and other related matters.”