Distance and Distributed Learning Committee
Terms of Reference

Vision

Learners in Regina, Saskatchewan and beyond will have greater flexibility in course choice and be able to take at least five University of Regina programs entirely at a distance by September 2016.

Specific Tasks

The committee is the formal body responsible for affirming and implementing the recommendations of the University of Regina Distance Education Task Force (approved in January 2010), and as such works to create the appropriate resources, policies and framework at the University to meet the goals of the University of Regina Strategic Plan mâmawohkamâtowin: Our Work, Our People, Our Communities, most especially Goal A.6, which commits the University to “take a programmatic approach to distributed teaching and learning.” Specifically, the committee will do the following:

- Revise and update the DE Task Force recommendations as needed.
- Work to create the appropriate policies and procedures that will lead to a successful integration of distance and distributed learning across faculties and academic departments.
- Work to make a programmatic approach to distance and distributed learning an integral and normal part of academic planning and degree delivery.
- Work with the University Committee on Teaching and Learning to encourage a technology-rich teaching and learning environment at the University.
- Oversee the distribution of centrally-allocated funding to support the development of distance and distributed learning courses. This responsibility involves putting out calls for submissions of courses and programs; reviewing and prioritizing the submissions, and working with the Centre for Continuing Education to allocate the available pool of funds to those applicants whose submissions meet the strategic goals of the University.
- Research and advice on quality assurance and standards relating to distance and distributed learning.
- Support regular research on, and review issues, challenges and opportunities that might arise with respect to, new and changing learning technologies or modes of delivery, with a goal of making appropriate recommendations to the University with respect to these opportunities and challenges.

Membership

Associate VP (Academic) as chair

Selected by Deans Council
- Three Associate Deans

(Appointed for 2 years (2 A/Deans) or 3 years (1 A/Dean), with possibility of renewal)

Ex-Officio, Voting
- Faculty Associate, Centre for Teaching and Learning
• Director of Centre for Continuing Education
• University Librarian or designate

Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Resource
• Head, Flexible Learning Division
• Manager, Instructional Technologies, Centre for Teaching and Learning

Administrative support will be supplied by the Flexible Learning Division.

Reporting Structure

The committee will report annually on its activities to Deans Council.

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