

Distance Education Committee
Year-End Report
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Apart from frequent email exchanges and discussions, the DEC met face-to-face on August 26 to work on the review of policy manual, eCore courses, change in committee status, final exam scheduling, SACSCOC review, registration policies, assessments, authentication, evaluation rubric, proposals, online course observations, handout dissemination, securing the space for a training facility for Distance Education, etc.

In January, the committee worked to revise the Distance Education Policies to align with the Board of Regents and SACS standards. Specific revisions included statements regarding a verification of student identity and student privacy protection in distance education courses. A statement regarding Gordon's affiliation with eCore was also included in the revised policies. The revisions were approved by the Faculty Senate on February 22, 2016, and can be found on the GSC website here: <http://www.gordonstate.edu/academic-affairs/distance-education>

In February, the Distance Education committee was asked by the Faculty Senate Chair to write a proposal to merge the Distance Education Committee with the Instructional Technology Committee so that the end result would be a committee of the Senate. The proposal was devised and approved by the current representatives of the Instructional Technology and Distance Education Committees. The proposal was approved by the Faculty Senate on April 18, 2016.

The committee submitted in a timely manner all the required documentation for the SACSCOC review.

The Chair of the Distance Education Committee attended two meetings of the RACDE, October and March.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,



Caesar Perkowski
Chair of the Distance Education Committee