

ANNUAL REPORT
For the 2017-2018 Academic Year
(Due: 1st Day of the Fall Semester, annually)

ONLINE LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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I. Executive Summary

Based on the outcomes of the Online Learning Advisory Committee (hereafter referred to as the “Committee”) meetings during the 2016-17 academic year, the committee reviewed its charge. After considerable discussion of each item, it proposed that the Committee be dissolved. A proposal was sent to Dr. Renfro, Chair, SGEC, which was approved by Dr. Kenneth Kitts on May 8, 2018, via a memorandum.

II. The Committee’s Charge (from the Shared Governance Document)

1. To serve as a general advisory committee for the university’s online learning programs
2. To aid the coordination of online learning programs by gathering information on such programs across the campus and providing this information to program heads and administrators as needed or requested
3. To develop recommendations for the improvement of online learning
4. To handle any proposals the committee may make affecting university policy according to section C.2 “Shared Governance Procedure for Policy Change Recommendations”
5. To submit a final written report electronically by the first day of the fall semester to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost with a copy sent to the Chair of the SGEC

III. The Committee met on the following dates:

September 14, 2017
October 26, 2017

IV. What were the Committee’s actions and accomplishments this year relative to each of the items of the charge?

The Committee invited VPAA & Provost Dr. Ross Alexander to its second meeting, where the charge of the Committee was discussed. As online learning and courses have evolved over the last few years, decisions related to the charge of the Committee increasingly shifted to Educational Technology Services (ETS). The online learning process is now more streamlined. With its expanded role, ETS is in a position that allows it to coordinate programs across campus and provide recommendations. As a result, the role of the Committee is often ambiguous and or redundant.

V. What were the Committee’s formal recommendations?

The Committee recommended that it be dissolved.

VI. Comments

The Committee has been disbanded per the May 8, 2018 memorandum from President Kitts.