De Anza College Distance Learning Center

Five Year Project and Enrollment Report Summer 03 – Spring 08

This report includes staffing, enrollment, modes of delivery and completed projects over the past five years for the Distance Learning Center.

Stream Cablecast Courses

De Anza Distance Learning continued to support cablecast (video) courses while many other schools abandoned video-based courses for online courses. As a result of the continued support of video courses, De Anza College was able to easily move the cablecast courses to video-on-demand to the desktop (videostreaming) increasing the distribution of these courses from the cablecast footprint to the anytime/anywhere accessibility of the online environment. All cablecast courses will also be available online as of Fall 2008.

Establish New Database for Scalable Solution

Over the past few years Distance Learning has been working toward moving from the old FileMaker database to the new custom DELTA database. The old database did not provide for a scalable solution and hindered the ability of the Distance Learning program to grow without additional personnel. The custom built DELTA database was rolled out for Winter 2008 and will contain one full year of data as of Fall 2008. There is still work that needs to be done, but the new database is already beginning to show results.

Course Management System Selection, Implementation and Migration

Two major changes took place in 2005 with relation to the course management system. Both ETUDES and WebCT were moving to new versions of the software, and the California Virtual Campus support for hosting was being phased out. In addition, there was a desire to move to one course management system to better support faculty, staff and students. In fall quarter of 2005 a committee of staff, faculty and deans was assembled to evaluate and select the CMS that would best serve the De Anza Community. In April of 2006 the committee selected Moodle to be the campus supported course management system. Two courses were piloted in Moodle during Summer 2006 and from Fall 2006 until Fall 2007 all courses previously in ETUDES and WebCT were migrated to Moodle (Catalyst.)

Presidium 24/7 Help Desk Pilot Project

For the 2007/08 academic year, Distance Learning has been a part of the California Virtual Campus 24/7 Help Desk Pilot for course management systems. The project ended June 2008 and plans to continue the 24/7 Help Desk for faculty and students is presently underway.

Staffing and Enrollment Statistics 2003 -2008

	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Personnel					
Dean	1	0	0	0	0
Faculty Coordinator ¹	0	0	0	1	1
Instructional Associates	2	2	2	2	2
Program Coordinator	1	0	0	0	0
Supervisor	0	1	1	1	1
Technical Support ²	1	1	0	0	0
Instructional Designer	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	5	4	3	4	5
Duplicated Enrollments					
Distance Learning	10,457	9,561	9,461	9,596	10,811

¹This postion existed for approximately 18 months prior to 2003/2004. As of July 2008, this position is vacant.

Distance Learning enrollments include online and video-based, but not hybrid courses.

From 2000 until 2003, the California Virtual Campus provided training for WebCT and other course management systems. From 2003 until an Instructional Designer was hired in 2006, there was no training in course management systems or online pedagogy available to faculty. The largest growth during this time was with publishers' sites.

²Technical support is now the responsibility of the Technology Resources Group.