

Academic Programming Committee Task Group

Internal Scan subcommittee; 30 July, 2013

Organizational matters: Next week we will meet at our regular time and place (**Tuesday, August 6 at 11 AM**) to begin discussing perspectives on interdisciplinarity.

Having now interviewed Dean Maclean about online issues (see below), we next will interview Paulo Zagalo-Melo about International issues. Because of scheduling complications, that interview will be **Thursday of next week (August 8) at noon in Room 103B**. Should be a good discussion. Lunch will be on me.

We will see if we can line up a relevant VP, Dean, etc. to interview about interdisciplinarity during the following week and that should conclude much of our input gathering. There was some interest in getting VP Whittenburg to speak from a research perspective. I will invite him and let you know if that works. Please be thinking of at least one more appropriate person to consult – perhaps more in the area of curriculum. Send me an e-mail, or bring your idea to our next meeting.

Quick summary of interview/discussion about current online practices at UM:

Interview: Dean Roger MacLean of SELL, joined by Robert Squires, Director of Instructional Design & Tech Support.

-Roger supplied some additional data to that which he already sent electronically

Some questions we addressed (my notes only, others can help flesh this synopsis out. We can cull our summary of the answers from a broad sampling of our notes):

-Do we as a university have a clear mandate about we are going with online curriculum?

-Online teaching versus a broader view of faculty having access and abilities with a variety of newer e-media?

-Business models for fully online courses versus blended offerings (Where are costs incurred?)

-What students are we serving? What do students need/want?

-The importance of having whole programs (or degrees or certificates) online!

-I may have additional information on web sources of information we can consult and will send that as soon as it is available. Thanks to all those who have been sharing information they found!