Distance Learning Resolution

Whereas, Arkansas State University, in an effort to move progressively into the online learning environment, in an effort to meet student need, and in an effort to provide additional resources to the university;

Whereas, Arkansas State University values faculty primacy in matters of curriculum development, course and degree program delivery, of which said primacy is demonstrated by faculty and departmental vote, and through the use of existing university committee approval structure, Department, College, University Curriculum Committees, and Graduate Council;

Therefore be it further resolved that any new degree programs to be offered through any online format, be first approved through the committee process stated in accordance with current policy, and by faculty and departmental vote.

Therefore be it further resolved that to ensure quality and best practices in regard to the delivery of current and future online degree programs, the existing Distance Learning Committee, established by Dr. Potts in the spring, 2010 for the purpose of addressing both academic issues and non-academic issues, be activated early and in conjunction with the Faculty Senate Quality Committee, charged with the following:

1. Finalize the development of a faculty supported instructional

quality review process (document developed in 2009-2010) that includes the use of assessment instruments and/or other means of evaluating quality levels of instructional design and delivery that include pedagogical principles for both teaching and learning;

1. Review, evaluate, and rate the quality levels of existing online

instructional courses/programs and any future online offerings by using the quality review process and evaluation methods.

Therefore, any courses and/or programs that do not receive the quality level ratings from the Distance Learning Committee and the Faculty Senate Quality Committee be referred to said department(s) for revision in accordance with said quality standards.