



	<p>faculty members are pleased with Blackboard in general, but have issues with loading information and grading. Kerry suggested that individual faculty members should contact staff at the OLSC for possible solutions. She also announced that the College will be upgrading from version 7.1 to 7.3 on January 3, 2008. The new version will fix a number of problems and provide a more robust discussion board.</p>	
<b>DL Course Amendment Form</b>	<p>The following course amendment form was reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASTR 8 submitted by Julie Bray-Ali</li> </ul>	<b>ASTR 8 was approved</b> for submission to the Educational Design Committee pending minor revisions. Mary Johnson will contact the instructor regarding the changes.
<b>SPOT Update</b>	<p>Paul Hischar completed SPOT today and is the first faculty member to complete the certification process (SPOT) using Blackboard. Student evaluations are working well; next step will be adding more security.</p>	Kerry thanked Dwight for his hard work on setting up the evaluations.
<b>Blackboard Update</b>	<p>Seven people have signed up for the January Blackboard workshops. It was noted that faculty members seem to like the workshops held in January as well as the Boot camps held in June.</p>	Information only.
<b>Grant Update</b>	<p>Meghan Chen shared the following ideas that may help students succeed in DL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show multimedia presentations of successful DL students</li> <li>• Suggest ways to determine students' needs for STDY 85C</li> <li>• Students want a virtual lounge and physical location where they could gather electronically and physically with access to computers</li> <li>• Create a single link for all DL help requested or needed.</li> </ul> <p>Funding resources were discussed.</p>	Kerry suggested encouraging faculty to take advantage of funding opportunities through POD and DSPS.
<b>Online Counseling Update</b>	<p>Jim Smith met with CB. Result was very positive so he then took the idea to the Counseling Department faculty, and they were also quite positive.</p>	Jim will now work on the modules.
<b>Other</b>	<p>Dwight Ayle, Mary Johnson, and Carol Webster gave a demonstration of a class project by Carol that could work as a possible replacement for the on-campus mandatory meetings.</p>	Information only.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Tuesday, 1:05 – 2:35 p.m., LTC-261: February 26, 2008</p>	