Online Meeting
5-12-08

Attended: Misti Nims, Anthony Hardy, Mary Beth Lancaster, David Willis, Marilyn Nicholson, Heather Stone, Sharon Peacock, Linda Miller

Did Not Attend: Jeffery Faust, Lisa Hardy

1. Blackboard
   Anthony showed everyone how the faculty pages looked. They will include office hours, sample syllabus, and announcements. We will be adding a link to My Online Courses. The instructor will also be able to add a picture and welcome message.

   The current Blackboard site for each instructor show ALL classes for the current courses, upcoming (U courses), and past term courses (Z courses). If a class is canceled, it will be a Z course because it can not be removed form the system. Each instructor will have a faculty login and a student login. This will allow the instructor to view all aspect of Blackboard as a student.

   If you will be giving a student an incomplete, please notify Anthony so he can keep the class active for that student. If not, the student will not be able to access the class.

2. Blackboard Upgrade Video
   The video showed and demonstrated the new gradebook. It will have fewer clicks, the instructor can customize to their needs and it will be easier to share, upload, and download the grades. Safe Assign was also discussed along with Blackboard Scholar. Scholar connects you with the Blackboard community. This function will allow students to find users with the same interests.

3. Online Orientation
   Since blackboard is linked to the AS400, student will be enrolled to Blackboard much easier. This will allow us to start our classes earlier. Starting in the fall, all online class will start on the first day of class instead of waiting until the last day of drop and add.

4. Other
   Anthony would like to start training session throughout the summer once a week. He will get back with us after the semester starts on this. Our goal is to have as many instructors as possible trained before the fall starts. The new faculty pages on Blackboard will be launch in the Fall.