

Task Force on Blended and Online Learning Summary of Participants and Topics Covered

Task Force On: The University of Texas System Task Force on Blended and Online Learning

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Task Force Meetings, Topics, and Presenters:

Below is a summary of the topics covered at each meeting of the Task Force on Blended and Online Learning. The participants listed below are those individuals who were invited to participate in that task force meeting.

March 22

Participants:

- Dr. Michael Moore, Senior Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, UTA
- Dr. Martha Ellis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Community College Partnerships, UT System Administration

Meeting Topics:

- Information on the blended and online learning efforts at UTA
- Work being done by the UT System Shared Services Alliance for Distance Education

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March 24

Participants:

- Dr. Gretchen Ritter, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Faculty Governance, UT Austin.

Meeting Topics:

- Information on UT Austin's Course Transformation Program. The CTP is designed to improve student success in large, lower division gateway courses by incorporating innovative approaches to instruction and learning.

March 30

Participants:

- Dr. Ross Strader, Associate Director, Open Learning Initiative, Carnegie Mellon University
- Dr. Julie Schell, Postdoctoral Fellow, Educational Research Mazur Group, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University
- Dr. Rod Mabry, President, The University of Texas at Tyler
- Dr. Martha Ellis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Community College Partnerships, UT System Administration

Meeting Topics:

- Technology, neuroscience and pedagogy: the cutting edge of learning
- UT Tyler's perspective on scaling blended and online learning
- Overview of data regarding online blended courses and programs at UT System academic institutions

April 13

Participants:

- Student Panel:
 - Ms. Karen Elliot, Student, UTA
 - Mr. Drew Finke, Student, UT Austin
 - Mr. Carl Thorne-Thomsen, Student, UT Austin
 - Ms. Chastity Voight, Student, UTEP
 - Ms. Dolores Valenzuela, Student, UTEP
- Dr. Mark David Milliron, Deputy Director, Postsecondary Improvement, U.S. Program, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Dr. Teresa Lubbers, Indiana Commissioner of Higher Education
- Dr. Allison Barber, Chancellor, Western Governor's University Indiana

Meeting Topics:

- Student perspectives on blended and online learning
- A new generation of learning: conversations on emerging technology, diverse students, and more
- Competency-based degrees and the Western Governor's University Indiana
- Impressions from the Arizona State University site visit

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May 2

Participants:

- Dr. John Katzman, CEO, 2tor
- Dr. Al Lind, CEO, Kentucky Virtual University

Meeting Topics:

- Towards a learning analytics infrastructure that can support better teaching and improved student success
- Public private partnerships in online learning
- What the University of Kentucky is doing to provide more quality degree completions using innovation and efficient delivery models