

Distance Education Quarterly Report

2013, Quarter 2 (Apr–June)

ACCJC AIP recommendation, "...the College develop a plan for distance education, including continuing education offered through distance education, and implement appropriate support services and procedures to deliver instruction online."

STRATEGIC PLAN

After several additional revisions took place over the month of June, the bid for the Strategic Plan was put out to bid on July 1, 2013.

GRANTS

The proposal, *Feasibility Study on Advancing Informal STEM Learning via Distance Education*, was submitted to the National Science Foundation as part of CFDA #47. 076. This grant requests \$250,000 to develop a feasibility study on advancing informal STEM learning via distance education and has one goal and four objectives.

The goal of this project is to be able to determine the need for and the capability of its technology infrastructure and college resources to support distance education at Guam Community College. The objectives are (a.) to determine the numbers, characteristics, and attitudes of potential users of the program, (b) to determine the capacity of DE programs for Guam, (c) to determine the college's capacity to support distance education, and (d) to develop a plan for Distance Education for implementation.

The college has been informed that a decision will be made in October, 2013.

MOODLE

Because of a need to retire a server, Moodle was moved to a new server. During this process, MIS made the decision to upgrade the version from 1.0 to 2.3.

Feb. 2013 - Start of database backup and prep of all data (external) i.e. Moodle data and installation of new Moodle on the identified server which is moodle.guamcc.edu.

April 2013 - Migration test of database and Moodle data on the same version 1.9 before converting it to 2.3.

June 2013 -Final migration of database/Moodle data (version 1.9) to version 2.3.

A plan to address the usage of Moodle is in the process of being developed.

DISTANCE COUNSELING

In December 2012—January 2013, 10 counselors from Guam Community College and five counselors from the Guam Department of Education took part in a Distance Counseling course from Redymnd.com. According to Sally Sablan, GCC counselor, all GCC counselors who took it are now certified.

Distance Counseling addressed some of the following concerns:

- What are the ethical issues involved in Distance Counseling?
- How can I build a strong working relationship with my clients via distance?
- How can I confirm, if I am presently practicing Distance Counseling, that I am following best practices and delivering efficient communications to my clients?
- What legal issues do I need to be aware of?

- What technology do I need for effective Distance Counseling?

Topics covered included:

- What Distance Counseling "looks like"
- Research supporting the effectiveness of Distance Counseling
- Technology requirements and necessary skills
- Ethical and legal issues
- Establishing and maintaining counseling relationships "long-distance"
- Resolving difficult situations

http://www.readyminds.com/training/dcc_cert.asp