

Office of Academic Affairs

Post Office Box 751
Portland, Oregon 97207-0751

503-725-3422 tel
503-725-5262 fax



October 22, 2010

Dear Colleagues:

The Office of Academic Affairs is pleased to announce the creation of an integrated Center for Online Learning. The Center will bring together the online faculty and student support currently offered by the School of Extended Studies (SES) and the Center for Academic Excellence (CAE), and will provide PSU faculty with an integrated approach to teaching and learning through technology. The instructional design teams will be physically moved into a common space once the search for a director has been completed. A search committee, chaired by Associate Dean Darrell Brown (SBA), has been formed to initiate a national search for the Center's director, who will begin July 1st and report to the Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Instruction.

Hybrid and fully on-line learning opportunities will be supported through the Center for Online Learning's wrap-around services for instructional design, online advising & orientations, and faculty support. In order to ensure the proper financial support for the new Center, the Distance Learning fee will be increased to \$30/\$60 per credit hour for partially/fully on-line courses during winter term 2011. These fees support the work of ten instructional designers and the proper infrastructure necessary to provide faculty with an integrated service model.

Until July 1st and the move of the various units into a shared space, services offered through CAE and SES will be jointly coordinated by the Vice Provost for Academic Programs & Instruction and the Vice Provost for Extended Studies to ensure continuity. Faculty and students are encouraged to continue developing and using online teaching opportunities. In the event that any policy matters arise during this interim period, the Vice Provost for Academic Programs & Instruction will work closely with the CAE, SES, OIT, Library, and relevant faculty work groups and committees for consultation and resolution.

Portland State is committed to supporting student success and to the expansion of our teaching and learning opportunities for faculty.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Roy W. Koch in black ink.

Roy W. Koch, Provost

Handwritten signature of Melody Rose in black ink.

Melody Rose, Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Instruction

Handwritten signature of Mike Burton in black ink.

Mike Burton, Vice Provost for Extended Studies