Status Update UA Distance Education Audit Response Plan

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#2 Develop incentives for MAUs to collaborate on distance education initiatives.
An inventory of all UA programs that are available via distance is nearly complete. This inventory will improve students’ awareness of and access to the programs. It will also be used to identify areas in which the MAUs will work together to develop new offerings. This work will progress through the spring of 2011.

#3 Faculty receive distance education technology training and support
Each MAU continues to offer a range of faculty development offerings such as workshops serving many faculty, individual course support and 5 day long intensives in technology assisted learning.
An inventory of existing training and support has been done at each MAU and is being compiled into a comprehensive report. This report will be used to share best practices and to identify the need for investment in additional training and support should resources be available.

#4 Develop, implement and enforce use of standard distance education course parameters and uniform course description information.
Will students be able to see all distance education courses that are available? Yes, starting March 28, 2011 for the Fall 2011 semester

Starting March 28, 2011 students looking for Fall 2011 courses will be able to easily find and register for distance education courses. They will use enhanced versions of the same tools they now use to find courses by location and time of day.

System IT staff have been working our IT vendors since November, 2010 to make significant modifications to the Banner system, to test those modification, and to train staff to use them. These changes were required to capture the information students need to find distance courses. MAU staff is now entering the extra information needed to accurately describe distance courses.

The Banner changes will also allow the UA to better report the types of distance offerings available, the number of students taking advantage of them, and to areas to add more courses.

A demonstration of the new student interface will be provided at the April Board of Regents meeting.