Hi Nancy,

I’m very glad to hear you plan to discuss a formal hybrid definition with the Curriculum Council. As a possible starting point, here is the definition we’ve been using this year with the Hybrid Course Development Pilot Program:

A hybrid course includes both regularly scheduled, on-site classroom meetings and significant online components that replace at least 50% of regularly scheduled class meeting time.

Nationally, the thinking about what constitutes a hybrid college course is informed in part by the Sloan-C (http://sloanconsortium.org/) designation of various course formats:

- Traditional course - 0% content delivered online
- Web-facilitated course – 1-29% online
- Blended/Hybrid – 30-79% online
- Online – 80+% online

Within the OSU context, particularly for course scheduling, I think it’s essential that any hybrid definition explicitly state that a hybrid course has a reduction in scheduled face-to-face meeting time, rather than simply requiring a certain minimum amount of online content. Without such a stipulation, scores—if not hundreds—of regular on-campus OSU courses would already meet the Sloan-C hybrid threshold (at least 30% content online), and an institutional hybrid definition might serve little practical purpose.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

Best wishes,
Cub

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On 3/8/12 11:29 AM, "Laurence, Nancy" <Nancy.Laurence@oregonstate.edu> wrote:

Hi Susie,

I'm going to back to the curriculum council and open the discussion up for a better definition of Hybrid course. I think that they voted on how to make a hybrid course visible, but didn't really touch upon definition as well as it should have.

I don't think it will change much, regarding in future plans, but wanted to make sure there was a better discussion for the committee.

We meet every Monday, so I'll let you know the results as soon as possible.
Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Brubaker-Cole, Susie
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 9:54 AM
To: Laurence, Nancy
Cc: Kahn, Cub; Watts, Tom
Subject: RE: Hybrid course designation

Thanks, Nancy. Do Cub and I need to do anything to help with implementation.

As always, we so appreciate your expertise on this!

Susie

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-----Original Message-----
From: Laurence, Nancy
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 9:35 AM
To: Brubaker-Cole, Susie
Cc: Watts, Tom
Subject: RE: Hybrid course designation

Hi Susie,

I was in the meeting for the discussion, I have no problems with how they defined hybrid course. It might change slightly when it comes to implementation based on the discussion of how to make this course visible to the student.

But I think they thought it through. (and that’s a lot of thinking!)

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Brubaker-Cole, Susie
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:45 PM
To: Laurence, Nancy
Cc: Kahn, Cub
Subject: RE: Hybrid course designation
Hi Nancy:

You all must be swamped with Kent’s absence, so I hate to pester. Nonetheless, I don’t think I’ve heard back from you on the topic below, and I want to be sure it doesn’t fall off the radar screen.

Thanks,
Susie

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-----Original Message-----
From: Brubaker-Cole, Susie
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 10:30 AM
To: Laurence, Nancy
Cc: Kahn, Cub
Subject: FW: Hybrid course designation

Hi Nancy:

I’m not sure if you were in the Curriculum Council on the day this was decided, so I’m forwarding you here the designation that they would like to see on HYBRID courses. Does this look feasible to you from a systems perspective? Let me know if Cub and I need to do anything more.

Best,
Susie

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-----Original Message-----
From: mike bailey [mailto:mjb@eecs.oregonstate.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 2:06 PM
To: Brubaker-Cole, Susie; Nunnemaker, Vickie L
Subject: Hybrid course designation

Susie --

The Curriculum Council discussed designating courses as hybrid in the catalog.

We suggest having the designator in the ‘type’ field shown as ‘Hybrid’, in addition to the existing text (e.g., Lecture-Hybrid”); the comments field would contain an additional explanation if necessary; the time/date would be the actual time/date for class meeting(s) and ”TBA Hybrid”; and location would be the actual location and ”TBA”.

-- Mike

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