

MONTEREY BAY DISTRIBUTED LEARNING CONSORTIUM

(DRAFT CHARTER)

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INTRODUCTION

Purpose

This charter describes the mission, purpose, organizational goals, institutional membership, and a concept of operations for the Monterey Bay Regional Distributed Learning Consortium.

Background

The Monterey Bay area offers a wide variety of educational opportunities from highly regarded institutions of higher learning. Each institution presents a very unique sponsorship, management structure, mission purpose, student population, curriculum and capability. The revolution in computing and telecommunications technologies, represented mainly by the exponential growth of the Internet, have fostered a common interest in pursuing joint ventures that would enable local institutions to work together in meeting the challenges posed by the application of emerging technologies to higher education.

WHO WE ARE

The Monterey Bay Regional Distributed Learning Consortium is a community of local educational institutions whose purpose is to provide enhanced and accessible education for our students through the application of technology. By establishing partnerships in the development, delivery, and assessment of distributed learning, and in pursuing common educational and research goals, we will be able to leverage shared resources and expertise to create effective communities of teachers and learners.

Members of the Monterey Bay Regional Distributed Learning Consortium:

- Naval Postgraduate School
- Defense Language Institute
- California State University at Monterey Bay
- University of California at Santa Cruz
- Monterey Institute of International Studies

WHAT WE DO

The strength of the consortium lies in the diverse sets of institutional capabilities that are brought together in facing a rapidly changing world. We seek to establish organizational synergy necessary to work collaboratively in the following areas:

- Share administrative, educational, and technical information
- Share technological and people resources per institutional agreement
- Jointly design, develop, deliver and assess distributed learning courses
- Participate in joint research and development
- Conduct training programs for faculty and staff
- Organize and conduct speaker forums, colloquia, and conferences

HOW WE ARE ORGANIZED

Rotating Chair and Co-chair
Secretary-Treasurer
Institutional Representatives (Members)
Standing Committees
Nominations and Elections
Regular Meeting and Event Schedule

HOW WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION

The present expansion of communication technologies, a changing global market for education, and the need to leverage intellectual and financial resources has led most university and college administrators to seek new ways of doing business and to establish alliances with other institutions to augment their own capabilities. The Monterey Bay Regional Distributed Learning Consortium was established as a forward-thinking group of representatives from each of the locally participating institutions. We are dedicated to working together in order to find solutions for the many problems facing institutions of higher learning brought about by rapid changes in technology and globalization of education markets.

Shared Values

- Integrity: build bond of trust and reliance
- Collaboration: encourage collaboration and sharing
- Commitment: active participation by all in planning and task operations
- Creativity: open to new ideas, approaches, “out-of-box” thinking
- Teamwork: spirit of cooperation, communication and working as team

Common Goals

- Establish a record of accomplishment
- Gain reputation for high-quality programs, education and research

- Improve educational opportunities
- Establish and expand educational research programs
- Create a center of excellence for education and research

Concept of Operation

The Monterey Bay Regional Distributed Learning Consortium operates as a group of voluntary representatives from member institutions in order to promote and to enhance higher education through the use of key educational and telecommunication technologies. Members meet regularly once a month to exchange ideas, to report events and progress of individual institutions related to the use of technology, to plan and organize sponsored events and training programs, and to plan and manage joint development of online courses and research efforts. The responsibility for hosting regular monthly meetings is rotated on a month-to-month basis from one institution to another. Consideration is being given to establishing a voluntary rotating chairperson and co-chairperson, and secretary-treasurer positions, as well as some standing committees in order to help the organization focus on accomplishment of specific objectives.

Near-term objectives

1. Review, Revise and Approve Charter
2. Organize speaker forum and educational colloquia and seminars
3. Sponsor joint faculty and staff training programs

Long term objectives

1. Gain recognition as a center of excellence in technology-based education
2. Conduct educational and research activities to maintain vision and mission
3. Attract visiting scholars of international reputation
4. Identify potential resources to support collaborative efforts