**FPC Distance Education and Technology Committee: 2016-17 Final Report**

**Committee Chair:** Justin Ortagus

**Committee Co-Chair:** Linda Eldridge

**Committee Members:** Susan Butler, Alice Kay Emory, Tom Dana, Domenic Durante, Jason Arnold, Cynthia Griffin, Griffith Jones

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**Dates Committee Met:**

* 10-10-16
* 11-14-16
* 1-9-17
* 2-13-17
* 3-13-17
* 4-10-17

**Tasks Undertaken:**

* Continued work related to the provision of a voluntary peer review process for online courses
	+ Document was created by Domenic Durante, but such a proposal would need to be voted on by FPC during Fall 2017
* Addressed growing need for clear guidelines related to adjunct faculty seeking to make substantive changes to previously developed online courses
* Several committee members attended presentation by research computing personnel (Erik Deumens) and later conveyed COE needs related to research software (e.g., data storage, cloud-based software, etc.)
* Drafted training module for adjunct faculty teaching online
* Addressed challenges and opportunities associated with the transition from Turnitin to VeriCite (two types of plagiarism software)

**Considerations/Recommendations for 2017-18:**

* Move toward voting on the voluntary peer review process for online courses
* Consider the integration of incentives and a Blue Ribbon Course Designation for online courses that go through voluntary peer review
* Continue discussion the potential utility of clear guidelines for adjunct faculty seeking to change course content
	+ Depending on the outcome, this action item could lead to the creation of a proposal to be voted on by FPC in Fall 2017