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

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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