#63 University Studies On-line General Education Pathways

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**ACHIEVEMENTS THIS PERIOD (12.15.13-2.4.14)**

- Conversations regarding UNST new on-line course initiation and support initiated.
- Project time-line complete and course development terms assigned.
- Cluster Website Implementation Plan in development.
- Initiated New On-line Course Development for Spring 2014 course offerings.
- Initiated development of Experiential Cluster Course.
- Library completed two modules for pilot and the pilots have begun.

**GOALS FOR NEXT PERIOD (2.3.14-3.9.14)**

- Complete Office of Academic Innovation (OAI) Orientation Session(s) and finalize faculty development needs to round out the OAI project plan for this effort.
- Finalize Cluster Website Implementation.
- Plan and hire a web designer.
- Begin development of new key processes and implement as needed.
- Incorporate feedback on the library modules.

**KEY DECISIONS**

- Change Request #PC-OP_1 was submitted and approved for the addition of one more course. This does not affect the budget or time-line as the project was running under budget and OAI has the capacity to accommodate this extra course. This decision allows for a more balanced course list with 5 courses in each cluster.

**OPEN ISSUES**

- None.

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**ACHIEVEMENTS THIS PERIOD (11.15.13-12.15.13)**
- Cluster Website requirements are complete.
- Experiential Course Development is underway.
- Project Plan content is complete.
- Course Production Agreements have been distributed.
- Pilot library research module has been developed.

**GOALS FOR NEXT PERIOD (12.15.13-2.2.14)**
- Initiate conversations regarding UNST new on-line course initiation and support.
- Finalize Project Timeline.
- Develop Cluster Website Implementation Plan.
- Initiate New On-line Course Development for Spring 2014 course offerings.

**KEY DECISIONS THIS PERIOD (11.15.13-12.15.13)**
- None.

**OPEN ISSUES**
- None.

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## Project Status: On Schedule

### Achievements this period (5.2013-11.15.13)

- Project Initiation complete and nearly all new online courses are identified for Cluster, Capstone and Experiential courses.
- UNST and OAI are working closely together as processes for initiating and developing new online courses take shape.
- A Project Plan draft is nearly complete.
- The course list is nearly complete.
- Project team and subgroup meetings are happening regularly.
- A timeline for the project (Project Plan) is in development with an expected completion of end of November.

### Goals for next period (11.16.13-12.15.13)

- Finalize Project Plan including timeline for all new course development.
- Complete requirements for the cluster website.
- Initiate conversations regarding UNST new online course initiation and support.

### Key decisions this period (5.2013-11.15.13)

- None.

### Open issues

- None at this time.

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