# eLearning Update

March 12, 2010

# National Trends

- Approximately 1.9 million students were studying online in the fall of 2003
- In 2009, 11.9 million students took some or all of their classes online



# National Trends (cont.)

• By 2014 online enrollment to skyrocket to 22 million

Where Students Are Taking Classes: 2009 v. 2014



Source: Ambient Insight, "US Self-paced eLearning Market," via Webinar entitled "Innovation in Educational Technology: The Virtualization of K-12 and Higher Education," October 2009.

# The Students of 2020

- The traditional model is changing
- In future, focus will be on convenience
- Pressures on higher education to adapt
- Increasing demand for more options
- Implications for teaching
- Student demographics changing



# National Developments

### Increasing role of for-profit universities



# National Developments (cont.)

### Community and independent colleges



# National Developments (cont.)

### • Open Learning Initiative



# National Developments (cont.)

- Significant shifts in newspapers, music, and travel have transformed industries
- Peer-to-peer universities
- iTunes University
- Is the traditional classroom anticipating the rate of change?



# Change Strategy

- Visits to national leaders for benchmarking purposes
- Focus on support for campuses and faculty
- Revenues remain on campus



# Setting the Stage

- Visited campus stakeholders
- Identified best practices
- Established eLearning Academic Council
- Reviewing intellectual property policies



# Developing a Strategic Plan

### **Distance learning consultants**

- Experience developing and directing University of Texas TeleCampus
- Gathered information from surveys of campuses
- Conducted site visits to all four campuses
- Developed set of conclusions and recommendations



# Recommendations

- Build System-wide portal with support services
- Integrate system-wide efforts with campusspecific plans
- Seed campus instructional design and technology support
- Provide faculty development and mentoring
- Opportunities include master courses, cooperative degrees and degree completion programs
- Invest System-level resources to leverage campus talents and assets

# Long-term Goals

- Increase access to the University of Missouri
- Increase course and program offerings and enrollments in online courses
- Protect current enrollment base provide alternatives for our "typical" students
- Embrace technological capabilities
- Foster educational quality
- Increase revenue?



## eLearning – New Way of Teaching

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- Elements that enhance online learning
- Student engagement, course design, support



# eLearning Support Tools

- Web presence
- <u>eMentors</u> program
- <u>Video interviews</u> with early adopters
- Online faculty tutorials
- InfoScout Service

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# Current Developments

- Building a framework for intercampus collaboration
- Participating in Learning Technology Intercampus Collaboration (LTIC)
- Leveraging campus development activities
- System-level support for startup funding



# Action Plans 2010

- Build the portal
- Fund and hire instructional design team for campuses and System
- Set targets for each campus and include in Accountability Measurement System
- Build faculty development program
- Identify eLearning leaders and advocates
- Fund exemplary campus eLearning projects

# Investing in Development

- Request for Proposals two categories:
  - Single courses
  - Degree programs, certificate programs and course clusters
- Priority will be given to:
  - High enrollment courses
  - Full degree programs
  - Degree completion programs
  - Graduate certificate programs
  - Clusters of courses in a single area with longer-term goal of complete program

# Investing in Development

- Emphasis on:
  - Collaboration
  - Innovation
  - Leveraging resources
- Submission details:



- Single courses proposals due to System March 19
- Degree programs, certificate programs and course clusters -- proposals due to System April 9
- Campus submission due dates are earlier! Check with your Provost's Office for details

## Looking to the Future

## Questions

