

Online Responsibilities

At Ferris, online learning is broadly distributed and/or decentralized. The Colleges, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, and Information Technology Services are all actively involved. Following is an overview of who owns which responsibilities:

Faculty Hiring, Evaluation, and Compensation – the Academic Colleges – Department Heads and Deans

Course/Program Development and Quality Assurance – the Academic Colleges – Faculty and Program and College Leadership

Course scheduling and offerings – Academic Departments and Colleges

Overall coordination of any centralized components, including institutional online planning, and facilitation of E-MAT – the Office of Academic Affairs, Associate Provost Teahen

Coordination of Student Support Services, including registration and overall coordination and operations – The College of Professional and Technological Studies (CPTS), Assistant Dean Cheryl Cluchey

Technology Infrastructure, including FerrisConnect and related systems, such as Tegrity – Information Technology Services – John Urbanick, Director, Mary Holmes, E-Learning Administrator; and Scott Randle, backup e-learning administrator

Faculty Development and Instructional Design Support – the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL) – Meegan Lillis, Instructional Technologist, and Bea Griffith-Cooper, Instructional Designer

Program/Course Promotion and Marketing – CPTS, Jennifer Hegenauer and Jennifer Amlotte

University-wide Surveys and Information Gathering – Office of Academic Affairs, CPTS, and Institutional Research

Budget/Finance – Online course and program revenues flow into the general fund. Expenses associated with course development and teaching are paid from college budgets. A FerrisConnect budget supports the course management platform, limited professional development, and the e-learning administrators. Academic Affairs contributes to CPTS for personnel support provided by that college. FCTL pays for most faculty development associated with online.

Policy Review and Development – Initiated from Academic Affairs and implemented through Senate and other relevant parties' review.

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