AHS Department Meeting Minutes – 2/6/23


1.) Minutes 1/23/23 – Motion to approve by Kirby, 2nd by Steven – Motion carries.

2.) Blackboard Ultra – Katie Wenke and Malini Bhargava
   a. State is moving to Blackboard Ultra.
   b. Moving to Ultra Course View is up to each school. Blackboard is placing more focus on the new version versus the current version we are using.
   c. DSU said the move was easier than anticipated.
   d. Courses will look different from current versions but will be more consistent. Format will be same be the same from class to class.
   e. Announcements that are posted will pop up before students can access class. Will need to read and click through to access class.
   f. Ability to create discussions on assignments.
   g. Extra analytics available in gradebook. Will check to see if grade book can be exported to Campus Connection.
   h. Less clicking around for both students and teachers.
   i. Menu on left side of the screen is static. Those options can’t be changed.
   j. No Wikis or Blogs, but there is a Journal option. Journal is more of an individual option.
   k. Undeployed assignments and tests will be calculated in the gradebook. Need to make a setting adjustment so it isn’t part of overall grade.
   l. Can set accommodations from grade book.
   m. Will need to set up weighted grades.
   n. Will check to see if Starfish is integrated.
   o. New version of Ultra will work on any device. Designed to be mobile friendly. App still has limitations but reminders/messages can be helpful.
   p. Can choose to automatically enter zeros in the grade book for past due work.

3.) Student Senate Details
   a. Events or Activities in Department that we want to share?
      i. All City Orchestra concert on Tuesday, March 7th – 7:00pm at Phil Jackson Fieldhouse.
   b. Questions for Student senate about what they are doing?
      i. Are they sending observers to senate and/or faculty council meetings?
   c. Anything we would like to see student senate do?
      i. Could student senate hand out programs at district/regional athletic events that are held on campus?

4.) Chapter 2 of book
   a. Teaching Unprepared Students
      i. Discussed Chapters 1 and 2

5.) Committee Updates