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Title *	Improving Distance Education Pedagogy
Problem / Opportunity Statement *	Faculty need education and training in distance education pedagogy.
Select one quality initiative sub-theme. *	Technology Competence
Sub-theme description. *	We are increasing our distance education offerings, and many faculty members are being requested to teach online who have never done so. Education and training in distance education pedagogy is desperately needed, with information on specific strategies for imparting course content and engaging students in the learning process.
Benefits *	Washburn needs to develop a reputation for offering high quality distance education courses. Instructors must be well trained if this is to happen. With a good reputation will come increased enrollment and credit hour production in online courses.
Scope *	Improved reputation and increases in enrollment will have a positive impact on WU as a whole.
Any Additional Stake Holders? (please add them here)	I did not list specific stakeholders because there are too many to list. Any professor who teaches online would be a stakeholder, as would their supervisors (e.g., Department chairs, Deans, etc.). The WebTechs would also be stakeholders, as would students who take online courses.
Any Additional Team Members? (please add them here with Name, Department / Unit, Email, Phone Extension)	I'm not sure who to recommend as team members. I would expect that the Web Techs would be actively involved in such a project, as would faculty who have much experience and expertise in distance education