

Learning Assessment Committee – Minutes April 29, 2014

1. The meeting started at 3:55.
2. Minutes from the March meeting were accepted. Annemarie Roscello pointed out that it is not necessary to approve meeting minutes.
3. LAC Mission and Charter
 - a. Committee members accepted the mission and charter statements with the addition of the following:
Make recommendations to the Faculty Senate about the assessment of student learning.
 - b. Find out whether Mission and Charter need to be approved by the Senate.
4. Day of Service: Some highlights of the discussion were:
 - a. Why is it called a Day of Service?
 - b. Dr. Banta was not charismatic.
 - c. There was some useful information, but it didn't get the audience's attention.
 - d. No handouts and not enough chairs.
 - e. Why was there no opportunity to assess the presentation?
 - f. Yun: We did not provide enough information to Dr. Banta for her presentation.

Ideas for future assessment meetings:

- a. Fill the day with useful information
- b. Useful topics:
 - i. What are tools/approaches that other schools use in assessment (especially in the humanities)
 - ii. Assessment and what happens next
 - iii. Share classroom assessment techniques with other depts.

Miscel:

- a. LAC should go to adjunct department meetings (?)
- b. Organize an assessment conference. Ask faculty what would help them. What topics interest them.

5. Self-study update:

- a. We got confirmation from our Middle States liaison, Ellie Fogarty, that our self-study design model has been approved.
- b. The Steering Committee will meet one more time before the semester ends.
- c. Acknowledged the many LAC members who are serving on the Working Groups.
- d. Program Review is not part of the self-study.

6. Middle States workshop, "Encouraging and Supporting Campus Wide Involvement in Improving Institutional Effectiveness"
 - a. Brief discussion of what does our institution look like
7. Other:
 - a. Discussion about graduation rates, articulation agreements, government initiatives related to higher education
8. Meeting adjourned at 5:00

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