

Minutes of the Learning Outcomes Advisory Council
March 2, 2016, 2:00pm
Humanities and Social Sciences Room 2006

Meeting called to order: by Chairperson Dr. Summer DeProw

Members present: Dr. Summer DeProw, Ms. Carolyn Ponce, Dr. Stacy Walz, Ms. Barbara Doyle, Dr. Lillie Fears, Dr. Erik Gilbert, Dr. Anne Grippo, Dr. Gina Hogue, Dr. Donald Kennedy, Dr. Natalie Johnson-Leslie, Ms. Tiffany Mosley, Mr. Robert Robinette, Dr. Topeka Small, Dr. Deborah Chappel Traylor, and Dr. Susan Whiteland

Members Absent: Ms. Dominique Hallett, Dr. Kyle Chandler, Dr. Paul Mixon, Ms. Martha Spack, Mr. Chad Whatley, and Dr. Melodie Philhours

Guests: Dr. Amanda Wheeler, Dr. Paul Finnicum, Ms. Sandricka Bowen

I. Welcome and refreshments.

II. Professor of the Month Presentation – Announced by Robert Robinette, Student Success Librarian. Interview video was played for the group.

March 2016 Professor of the Month –The award plaque was presented to Dr. Amanda Wheeler, Assistant Professor and Program Director, Athletic Training Education. Dr. Wheeler talked about changes to a previous paper/pencil preceptor survey used in evaluating students. During a 2012 accreditation visit, it revealed holes and gaps in the survey. An “n/a” was marked by preceptors on several questions regarding student performance. After speaking to students and preceptors, the survey was re-tooled to cover the areas of concern. There was improvement to 75% first time pass rate on board exams.

III. Learn@StAte- Dr. Susan Whiteland gave an update on the upcoming March 16th Learn@State event including 27 abstracts and 32 participants. Dr. Gina Hogue, also from the Learn@State LOAC sub-committee, described how the 3 minute oral presentations will take place and how they serve to spotlight the faculty.

IV. Faculty Mini Grant Report – Dr. Lillie Fears gave an update from the grant committee. Spring applications, from 6 colleges/areas on campus, have been submitted for over \$6,400. Requested amounts ranged from \$497 to \$2,500. Among the requirements for approval are presenting at Learn@State and receiving only 80% of the requested amount until a summary report for assessment is submitted and the remaining 20% will be paid.

V. Peer Review Assignments – Dr. Summer DeProw presented the committee assignments for reading and review of assessment plans from each college. Review will begin after Spring Break.

VI. Assessment Reports – Dr. Topeka Small reviewed an example of the 4-Column, Assessment Report due from each program by May 16th and showed how it includes findings and an action plan and aligns with the 5-Column, Assessment Plan from the fall semester. Assessment data is being entered into Taskstream and additional information such as charts, tables, attachments, even videos and photos can be entered as documentation in Taskstream. Quantitative and qualitative information is needed. Dr. Small also mentioned upcoming Faculty Center workshops on reporting data.

VII. ULO Committee – Dr. Deborah Chappel Traylor and Ms. Barbara Doyle gave an update from their committee which has been working on a proposal for a new Assessment Committee structure. The current LOAC was started 5 years ago to advise the Assessment Director. Duties changed depending on the leadership. Now there is more of a culture of assessment and faculty buy-in, but there is desire for more continuity and to be faculty-owned for continuous assessment. The LOAC is not a shared governance committee and it needs Student Affairs involvement. It needs to be more streamlined instead of duplication to increase faculty involvement. The committee met with Dr. Cooksey and with Dr. Stripling and there is a clearer flow of responsibility. The new proposal, if approved, would introduce a University Assessment Commission with members from the Office of Assessment, the Program-Level Assessment Committee, the Co-curricular Assessment Committee, the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, the General Education Committee, the Graduate Council, an Undergraduate Student Representative, and a Graduate Student Representative. A motion was made to disseminate the proposal to the affected committees for review. Motion was seconded and approved.

Future thoughts and meetings:

Spring 2016 Workshops with Dr. Kristi Costello

March 9—Workshop II—How to build a customized rubric for your assignment/assessment

March 30—Workshop III—Test your new rubric and intro to data reporting

April 6—Workshop IV—Reporting your assessment data

April 27—Workshop V—Assessment Data Reporting and Action Plans

Future LOAC Meetings

Wednesday, April 13 at 2 p.m.

Learn@stAte

March 16—THE CELEBRATION!

Other Important Dates

April 13—Peer review of program-level assessment plans due

May 16—Assessment Reports are due

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.