Minutes of the LOAC-April 17, 2013-ABI 220

Meetings called to order by Chairperson Dr. Josie Welsh at 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Members present:  Dr. Gina Hogue, Dr. Matt Thatcher, Dr. Natalie Johnson-Leslie, Ms. Lori Fenner, Dr. Stacy Walz, Dr. Deborah Chappel Traylor, Dr. Kyle Chandler, Dr. Melodie Philhours, Dr. Anne Grippo, Dr. Andrew Sustich, Dr. Erik Gilbert, Dr. Sue McLarry, Ms. Lisa Bohn, and Dr. Josie Welsh

Members Absent:  Ms. Chris Collins, Dr. Rick Clifft, Ms. Barbara Doyle

Discussion focused on:

- The status of each of the University-Level Goals
- General Education Goals
- Program Goals
- An overview of what to expect during the upcoming HLC site visit.

University Goals

Course syllabi are being linked to University goals.

Critical Thinking –
- Discussion of the Critical Thinking Assessment Test (CAT)
  - Faculty from A-State attended, and more will be attending training to score these tests for the university.
  - LOAC members asked for more information on CAT to use in their colleges.
  - More need for Critical Thinking.  Ex: MCAT criteria changed to include more critical thinking.
  - CAT allows for the use of domain-specific analogs.

Using Technology-
- University Goals Survey- “Using Technology” 2012. Issues with the survey concerning multiple requests sent to students due to “fee courses”. Will be corrected with the next administration of the survey.

Global Awareness –
- Discussion about the Global Perspectives Inventory (GPI), to help measure students’ global awareness.
  - Global Issues also addressed in University Goals Survey.
  - LOAC members requested more information about using the GPI in their colleges.

General Education Goals

- Discussion- ASU had no Gen Ed Goals or Outcomes for 2003 HLC visit.
  - Now we have 5 goals, and all the tasks of the General Education Committee have been completed.
  - However, evidence of learning is limited in some courses.  Ex: College Algebra pass rate is about 40%. This issue is being addressed by the Faculty Senate general education “dream team”.

Program Goals

- Listed on university website for HLC to review (blurbs).

Upcoming HLC Site Visit - Discussed

Meetings Adjourned.