

Minutes of the LOAC-November 15, 2011-ABI 220

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dr. Josie Welsh at 11:30am

Members present: Kyle Chandler, Dr. Deborah Chappel Traylor, Dr. Rick Clifft, Barbara Doyle, Dr. Joanna Grymes, Dr. Sue McLarry, Dr. Melodie Philhours, Dr. John Pratte, Dr. Andrew Sustich, Dr. Stacy Walz, Dr. Josie Welsh

Members Absent: Dr. Lynita Cooksey, Chris Collins, Lori Fenner, Dr. Jack Zibluk

Voted to approve September 13 minutes via email vote.

Updates provided by Dr. Welsh:

*HLC mentor report

*HLC Academy report

*GEC Shared Governance decision to move 3 goals, Using Technology, Thinking Critically, and Understanding Global Issues, from General Education to University Level

*Plans for new faculty center

Recommendations made by Advisory Council

*Remind deans to make sure college assessment plans are being implemented and teams are meeting

*Do not rely on faculty center to increase assessment; identify competencies developed by students at large, research-intensive universities and build on that.

*Link assessment to research and scholarship.

*Provide departments with data to analyze and act upon; ask faculty what data they need in order to make changes to their programs

*Ask faculty senate about course buy-out and pay that should be offered to faculty interested in rotating through assessment center to work on assessment as research and scholarship

*To move assessment from service to scholarship in the PRT formula, it will be necessary to start at the level of the university first

Agenda for next meeting:

Develop plan for closing loop on critical thinking and writing assessment

Develop plan for disseminating data on mathematics data

Develop plan for assessing global awareness

Present results of chairs' forum

Present clips from AACU conference