

Minutes of the A-State Assessment Committee (AAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2016, 3:00pm
Library 6th Floor Conference Room

Meeting called to order: by Chairperson Dr. Summer DeProw

Members present: Dr. Summer DeProw, Ms. Shelley Gipson, Mr. Ross Grant, Dr. Melodie Philhours, Mr. Rodney Rice, Ms. Beth Silverthorn, Dr. Topeka Small, Ms. Martha Spack, Dr. Deborah Chappel Traylor, and Dr. Karen Wheeler.

Members absent: Dr. Bob Bennett and Dr. Paul Mixon

Guests: None

I. Welcome, meeting called to order 3:00pm

II. Meeting Minutes from October 31, 2016

Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Ms. Shelley Gipson, seconded by Dr. Chappel Traylor. Minutes approved.

III. Purpose Statement for A-State Assessment Committee

Purpose Statement Handout. Items in question highlighted. Committee discussed and decided the wording. Motion by Ms. Shelley Gipson to accept edited Purpose Statement. Seconded and Approved.

IV. ULOs

a. Last meeting review. October 31 – Brainstorming regarding the themes for ULO's. Feedback from your areas? No feedback from student groups- no chance to meet yet.

b. Discussion/Ideas:

Mindfulness was brought up October 31 as a theme. Front page of Time Magazine – article about Mindfulness might be interesting.

Overall student welfare could be ULO. Do we want to bring back

Question: How many ULO's do we need? Best to have 3, maybe 4.

health/wellness to ULO? Could go under the E3 Mission's "Enhance".

Every student should be exposed to these. I.e.: All graduates to possess these characteristics.

Which theses work best? Let's narrow these down – which ones overlap? Diversity/Global/ Teamwork work together.

Teamwork important. Apple will hire students who can work on a team. Interpersonal Relations.

Communication important. It is in Gen Ed too but shouldn't just stop at Gen Ed. More in depth writing in disciplines.

"Scaffolding" – build on other outcomes.

Civic/Social Responsibility

Creative Thinking?

Self Awareness

Measure for every student? Yes.

Will Information Literacy have a home? Yes, in Critical Thinking and Communication.

- c. Option 1: Come back after Thanksgiving break and vote on the ULO's
- Option 2: Decide on some and vote now.

More discussion on how the themes can be organized.

Committee voted for ULO's that are wanted for certain.

1. Critical Thinking
2. Communication Skills

Other ULO ideas (Interpersonal Skills, Social and Civic Responsibility, Teamwork, Globalization and Diversity, and Self-Awareness) to be discussed and decided at the next meeting, November 28th.

Meeting Adjourned 4:05pm