

November 22

Henderson State University Assessment Team

Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2010

Present: Wrenette Tedder, Ginger Otwell, Phillip Schroeder, Margaret Hoskins, Bob Yehl, Brett Serviss, Karen Spradlin, and Hope Warner

Absent: Pam Ligon, Bernie Hellums, Joyce Shepherd, Lecia Franklin, Lenette Bailey-Jones, Chad Fielding, Debra Coventry

Guest: Vernon Miles

Next Meeting: December 6, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Garrison Center Dawson Room

Announcements

Wrenette Tedder informed the Team that Jeff Bailey resigned. She stated that Mr. Bailey felt he could not commit to the team because of the time needed for his classes this semester. Ms. Tedder asked Chad Fielding to look into getting another freshman or sophomore representative for the Team. Phillip Schroeder asked team members to look around their area for a possible representative and give him the names. Ms. Tedder stated that the person will have to get approved by the SGA.

Discussion

Ms. Tedder gave an update on the meetings with the units discussed at the last meeting. She stated that she had met with the director of the MLA program and he would be developing a plan to put into the system. Sociology has asked to look at the Computer Science plan to get an idea of how to improve their current plan. No meeting has been set up to meet with them at this time. She has corresponded with the faculty member over the General Studies plan via e-mail. He is currently working on some of the student learning outcomes. Ms. Tedder stated that he had not heard from Honors College, English/Spanish or MAT at this time.

Ms. Tedder gave a summary of the AAACL meeting she attended the previous week. The guest

speaker was from the Higher Learning Commission and she gave the attendees basic information about what the accreditors would be looking for in the upcoming visit. The speaker stated that if 80% of the departments are on-board with assessment plans that the university should be okay. She also talked about the fact that several universities have become stalled where assessment is concerned. The said this is okay as long as the school could show that they were using assessment in learning. This can be done through a conversation. New assessment standards are set to be rolled out next year. The two major areas they will be looking at are general education and program level assessment. The team will look to make sure the university is focusing more on the end results and that progress is being shown. The HLC will begin looking at where the students go after college. This is an area that Henderson has limited information on. Some departments are doing a good job in getting this information; however, a majority of the departments currently have no way of obtaining this information. Dr. Miles stated that the Alumni Office is getting a software program that should be able to track this kind of information on our students.

The committee members of the awards luncheon were not present; however, Dr. Schroeder stated that the luncheon would be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30th, in the Sun Room. He encouraged everyone to attend the luncheon.

Brett Serviss let everyone know that he had made the requested changes to the rubric to be used in the assessment award selection process. He feels the rubric is in good shape and ready to be published. Dr. Serviss thanked the other team members for their help with the rubric. A motion was made and seconded to accept the rubric. The motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.