

October 22

Henderson State University Assessment Team

Meeting Minutes

Galloway Room, 4:00 p.m.

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Present: Debra Coventry, Chad Fielding, Margaret Hoskins, Lenette Jones, Pam Ligon, Robbie Monroe, Phillip Schroeder, Brett Serviss Joyce Shepherd, Blake Smith, Karen Spradlin, Sheryl Strother, Wrenette Tedder, Bob Yehl

Absent: Lecia Franklin, Lenette Jones, Ginger Otwell, Margaret Hoskins

Guests: Claudia Beach, Troy Bray, Nathan Campbell, Steve Carter, Dana Horn, Anita Williams

Next Meeting: November 5, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assessment Awards evaluations: Wrenette will send out the 7 academic and non-academic unit plans for the Team's review and evaluation. Scoring will be done electronically.

Status of the update for the A-Team member selection process and term appointments (for Elaine Kneebone's approval): Bob and Phillip will meet to determine the Team member selection process for Committee on Committees. Their recommendation will be presented during the November 5 meeting. Dates for training new A-Team members (everyone will be invited!): Wrenette reserved the faculty training room in Evans for new member orientation. Training dates are schedule for November 6 (3 pm – 4:30 pm), November 7 (3 pm – 4:30 pm), and November 12 (3 pm – 4:30 pm).

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: General Studies/Liberal Arts Core assessment, preparing for the HLC Progress Report: Looking for a means to quickly establish a credible evaluation process for credible information to use within the curriculum. The university has a short window established by HLC to have a process in order. Dr. Claudia Beach, assessment chair for the Liberal Arts Core

component, along with several committee members, informed the Team of their progress. A rubric has been prepared for the oral and written communication skills. Limited data was collected. The quantitative reasoning skills rubric is near completion. Phillip and Claudia will speak to Faculty Senate on November 7 to inform the faculty of the need for data. Wrenette invited the Team to attend the Arkansas Association for the Assessment of Collegiate Learning (AAACL) fall workshop on November 13, 2012 at Harding University in Searcy, AR. Amber Holloway from the Higher Learning Commission is the guest speaker and she will discuss "The Centrality of Student Learning: Looking at Assessment in 2013 and Beyond." She will look at assessment as it relates to the new criteria, with sessions focused on:

- 1) The broad state of assessment--what's happening with the Criteria and what's happening on individual campuses? What impact have we had on student learning as a result of assessing? (Criterion 4)
- 2) General education--what is it and how is it changing? What does the "general" in general education even mean anymore? (Criterion 3)
- 3) Quality and educational excellence--how is it defined, and what are the measures and indicators? (Criteria 4 & 5)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Ligon, secretary