LACC Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2015  
8:15 a.m.  
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ATTENDEES: Deedee Heistad, Lori VanHooreweghe, Karthik Iyer, Susan Moore, Ryan McGeough, Renea Beard, Kristen Aldrich, Gary Gute

ABSENTEEES: Phil Patton, Jean Neibauer, Edgar Boedeker, Paul Andersen, Susan Roberts Dobie

Heistad opened the meeting at 8:15 a.m. and passed out copies of the form for the Bachelor of Applied Science Degree that was approved by the UCC.

She then led a discussion of current open committee assignments.

Committee Assignments:

- University Writing Committee – Ryan McGeough agreed to be on the committee. Gary Gute agreed to serve as the alternate.
- Elementary Teacher Ed Senate – no one volunteered for this committee and the LACC will continue looking for a representative to serve.

Heistad then led a discussion of the HLC Reaccreditation and the Liberal Arts Core. Major points discussed were:

- Next accreditation visit is in 5 years. The HLC has initiated a new pathway to re-accreditation via a Quality Improvement Project (QIP). The Provost will solicit ideas and Kristin Moser and Scott Petersen will chair the committee facilitating the QIP.
- The QIP will have to be submitted by next fall. UNI will then have two years to complete the project. Then UNI will complete the required self-study to be ready for the HLC visit.
- Heistad discussed 10 guiding values from the “HLC New Criteria for Accreditation”. Heistad highlighted our weaknesses as on-going assessment.
- HLC says all decisions must be data driven.
• Heistad discussed “HLC Criteria for Accreditation Related to Assessment”. Heistad announced that she was chosen to be an HLC Peer Reviewer. She sees this as a learning experience.
• Criteria 3 relates entirely to assessment. UNI will need to articulate its institutional learning goals – upon graduation what do the students know, what do they value, and what can they do.
• Heistad discussed assessing the Liberal Arts Core as a whole and moving assessment from a faculty burden to being faculty driven.
• Heistad asked the group to think about it and review the materials presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Jordan

Meeting Handouts:
Bachelor of Applied Science Degree form
LAC Category Review
Organizational Format for a Self-Study Report
2014-2015 Annual Assessment Report Form
New Criteria for Accreditation: Guiding Values (An Excerpt)
HLC Criteria for Accreditation Related to Assessment
Brief History of Liberal Arts Core Assessment