

STUDENT LEARNING ASSESSMENT COUNCIL

Minutes

March 16, 2015

Members Present: Linda Adams-Wendling, Andrew Smith, Michael Smith, Eric Conrad, Jim Costello, Julie Cayton for Melissa Bailey, Alfredo Montalvo, Sheryl Lidzy, Brenda Nichols, Rob Catlett for Joe Yanik, and JoLanna Kord

Members Absent: Dan Stiffler, Gary Wyatt, Gonzalo Bruce, Ellen Hansen, Joan Brewer, Shawna Shane, Cynthia Kane, Brian Schrader, Lynn Hobson, Matt Seimears, Rich Sleezer, Larry Falcetto, Mel Storm, Steve Catt, Eric Yang, Zeni Colorado, and Allan Comstock

1. The minutes for the February 16, 2015 meeting was distributed and reviewed. Rob Catlett motioned to approve the minutes as written, Jim Costello seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and all approved.
2. The 2015 Assessment Champions have been chosen and an email of the voting totals was sent out to SLAC members. These winners will be notified via an award letter, their plaques are being made, and the documentation to apply their stipend of \$250 to the next current pay period is being processed. Please keep the names confidential until the announcement has been made.
3. The majority of the meeting was spent reviewing and preparing for the HLC site visit this upcoming March 23-25. Information files were sent out prior to the meeting for review as were some specific pages within the self-study. SLAC members were encouraged to be familiar with the evidence documents and information previously distributed via email electronic documents. Members were encouraged to engage with the peer review team during the scheduled meeting (**2:30 – 3:20 Tuesday, March 24 in the MU Black & Gold Room**) and to share assessment successes as it relates to their specific experiences. No one is expected to know everything about what has been accomplished in regard to assessment over the past 10-years, but should be well versed on how their specific department and/or courses have been impacted by assessment practices. Not everyone is expected to share during the meeting, however being present at the meeting is very important. There are individuals (Chris Blankenship, Kim Simons, and Brian Hollenbeck) who are working on or have completed outstanding assessment projects over the past few years and thus, have been invited to attend the meeting to share their stories. We are set to have a most excellent site visit and are positioned to share our assessment practices and student learning successes.
4. The Compliance Assist interface has been completed for all academic departments, Libraries and Archives, the Honors College, and the General Education program. Jo asked that everyone begin entering information in the “assessment planning” area which is the first textbox field in the interface. The next SLAC meeting will focus extensively on completing information within the interface and assessment strategies and implementation plans for the upcoming months of May-August.
5. Meeting Adjourned 4:50 p.m. – Next Meeting Date: April 20, 2015