

MERIT NOTES

April 3, 2015

Present: Beth Hogeland, Pam Gordon, Justin Smith, Andrew Feldman, Richenda Hawkins, Katie Winder, Bev Dunigan, Dave Henderson, Guest: Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia

Notes: Annette Easdale

During the summer, MERIT will look at our progress on our core themes. We are first group to look at data during a summer retreat. Information funnels down to the Leadership Retreat, at the end of summer, where they decide what to continue or start. About half of the strategic funds are saved for this purpose. During the year, we need to make sure councils are tracking information.

Academic Affairs Council - Sally Moore

The Academic Affairs Council doesn't fit neatly in a report card. Its activities are widespread across all the goals.

AAEC (Academic Affairs Executive Committee) decides what comes forward to AAC. The review of prerequisites has been moved to the AAEC to decide when appropriate. The AAEC is likely to ask Instructional Standards to reform and address this. They will be asking do these Pre Reqs help educational attainment or are they being used for screening purposes?

AAC membership includes Department Chairs, Deans & Student Affairs, AAC has a placeholder for Professional Development.

CIC (Curricular Issues Committee) - Reviews courses and programs for approval.

MAC (Mentoring and Assessment Coordinating) They are helping faculty to develop outcomes. This year they revised Developmental Courses and 100 level courses. Next year they will work on CTE and 200 level courses. The outlines then go to CIC for approval. Starting to collect data on whether the outcomes assessments are working. We need to compare ourselves to the Rubric created by NWCCU.

A topic AAC is beginning to look at is Program Admission Requirements - do they help, are they appropriate? This is starting in the AAEC. Questions being investigated: Who decides? Do they make a difference? Is there data? Are we going to require evidence in the future? How do we know we are doing the right thing for our students?

The move to begin using admission requirements came out of the need to reduce program credits to 45 & 90 for budget concerns. We still don't want to make students have to be in school longer and spend more money than necessary.

MERIT is the body that oversees Accreditation. What role will MERIT play in Accreditation?

Topic - Reading Placement - Pam, Chareane

We were using a CPT score of 55 or below to screen students out of LBCC. This decision was tied to the Financial Aid. It no longer ties to Financial Aid. How do we serve them if we let them in?

350 students didn't score 55 over the last couple years. About 250 that were unable to get into the college. Below 55, 1658 that fell into that category with 9.7% graduation 2004-2011 250/year 50 of which are ESOL, so really, 200/yr.

Recommend - multiple assessments. If graduate from HS, can automatically get into college. Students may need additional services.

Modified Diploma - they were not eligible for FA in the past. Those numbers will be growing.

Tell students it's not that you cannot get in, it's that you are not yet ready. We do have developmental courses for you.

CPT extra questions are being eliminated because no one was using this data. Can we ask if they received a modified diploma? Remember, 50% of students are not coming directly from HS.

Pam - will talk to the Developmental Studies Department and have a plan in place for fall to reach the 200 students. *She will communicate back to us through Jason the tentative plan.*

Decision: OK with the Screen Reader - program that students can access. Then CPT would be "read" to them. Students do better with it. *Approved Let Carol Raymundo know.*

Summer Retreat - (look at our members, they should be at retreats)

Report Day July 28 Accreditation Day = Aug 6 tentative

Mission Core Themes & Report Cards

Organizing the Reports

COUNCIL REPORT

TOPIC

First Meeting Winter

Diversity Council

ATD to scale

March 6 - Second Meeting Winter

Workforce Economic Vitality Council

Advising

April 3 - First Meeting Spring

Academic Affairs Council -Sally Moore

Reading/Placement - Bruce/Danny/Pam

May 8 - Second Meeting Spring

Progression Council

Math/Placement

Future Meetings: Friday, May 8 all in the Boardrooms @ 1:00-3:00 p.m.