

Meeting Minutes
INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 20, 2009
3:30pm – MAIN 149

Present: Tim Allwine, Laura Brener (Chair), Steve Byman, Scott Dennis, Mike Dugaw, Kristy Enser, Kyle Hammon, Jon Kerr, Helen Kuebel, Joyce Niemi (recorder), Tamara Norton, Carmen Robinson, Mary Stone, Michael Strayer, Maggie Stuart, Deborah Wöhrmann, Adam Wolfer

Guests: Dale Groff (probationary faculty), Mary Leach (probationary faculty), Sue Yarbrough (probationary faculty).

Laura called the meeting to order at 3:38p.m.

Minutes:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2009 meeting as written. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

❖ **DTA Review - Capstone Requirement:**

Laura told the group that at the end of the DTA review last year, it was decided that the Capstone Requirement needed a complete review and that the review process would take place during the 2009-2010 academic year.

- There followed a discussion on the best way to accomplish the review.
 - It was decided that Laura would put together a task force. Laura asked for volunteers to serve on the taskforce. The following people volunteered:
 - ◆ Kyle Hammon, Carmen Robinson, Tim Allwine, Michael Strayer, and Kristy Enser. With this group as a starting point, Laura will put together the taskforce.
 - The taskforce will conduct the review and report back to Instructional Council with recommendations by the end of spring quarter.

New Business:

❖ **Exceptional Faculty Committee Vote**

- Ballots were distributed to voting members of the Council for selection of a new member for the Exceptional Faculty Committee. The results will be emailed to all faculty as well as Instructional Council members.

❖ **Proposed Changes to the DTA**

- Kyle distributed documents explaining the proposed changes to the DTA requirements in both Communications and Mathematics. Kyle and Laura gave some background information on the proposed changes.
 - The proposed changes in Communications would result in no change for LCC.
 - After discussion on the proposed changes to the Mathematics requirement, department chairs were asked to talk to their department members and give the feedback to Kyle.

❖ Announcements:

- Laura announced that as of spring 2011, the University of Washington will no longer accept general undergraduate spring quarter admissions at their Seattle campus. Chairs were asked to share this information with their department members for advising purposes.
- Laura shared information from an email sent by Ghali Moheb, Vice Provost for Research and Development at Western University. In the email he states that the Community Colleges that supply Western with transfer student are doing a good job preparing the students in science and mathematics.
- Laura distributed a handout on "College Success Strategies." She told the Council that LCC was creating professional development activities for faculty to reinforce these concepts.

❖ Round Table

➤ **Language & Literature:**

- Deborah reported that her department continues to have some concerns with the cut scores for English. Deborah said that although the current range system is a better system; it is not always used in an effective way. Laura said that this was being viewed as a pilot and the concerns of the department would be taken into consideration when reviewing the system.
- The department is planning a retreat day.
- Northwest Voices plans to bring poet Floyd Skloot to campus on January 25, 2010.
- The Washington Community College Humanities Association has named *The Salal Review* as "2009 Campus Literary/Arts Magazine of the Year" in the low-budget publication class.

➤ **Social Science:**

- Michael told the group that his department hopes to bring James Loewen, the best-selling author of Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong and Lies Across America: What Our Historic Sites Get Wrong to campus as the guest lecturer at the Vest Memorial Lecture this year. The ASLCC have agreed to fund the lecture this year.

➤ **Natural Science:**

- Adam reported that LCC will host the Southwest Region Science Olympiad again this year. The event will take place March 13, 2010.

➤ **Library Services:**

- Carmen reported on the Archival Project. The opening reception for the project will be held November 12 in the Rose Center. Carmen congratulated Susan James on the good work she is doing with the project.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.