

INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

May 1, 2012

Heritage Room – 3:30pm

Present: No role taken.

1. Consent Items

- Meeting Minutes of both the February 2012 and the March 2012 meetings were approved as written.

2. Meeting Topics

➤ Diversity Requirement & Courses

- Laura reminded the group that a new set of criteria was adopted two years ago, but its implementation resulted in some unforeseen consequences. As a result, we have continued to use the courses that met the old criteria as Diversity courses. It is time to resolve this.
- Various options were explored. The Council agreed that faculty will be invited from each department to review the “old” list of Diversity courses to see if they meet the “new” criteria. This information will be available at the next Council meeting, at which time, next steps will be identified.

➤ AA Degree

- The question was raised as to whether the College still needed to offer this degree. It was agreed that it should be offered. Kristy Enser will develop a Program Planner for it which directs students to work closely with their faculty advisor.

➤ Assessment Committee Updates

- Colleen Allwine, representing the Assessment Committee, brought forward some minor language modifications regarding the Critical Thinking Outcomes for consideration. These were passed unanimously.

➤ **Digital Literacy**

- Renee Carney and Nadine Lemmons presented their report which included the results of a faculty survey and recommendations to the Council. A taskforce will be formed to address the questions regarding implementation. Laura will ask department chairs to identify representatives.

➤ **Academic Master Plan**

- Laura reported that the process was underway and deans would be meeting with faculty departments for input. A group of faculty will be invited to assist with the plan during the summer. Laura hopes to be able to roll it out in the fall.