

Dean's Council

February 17, 2011

Attendees: B. Barnett, E. Daffron, S. Rosenberg, L. Siecke, L. Chakrin, H. Nejad, S. Perry.

B. Barnett called the meeting to order.

CWAC

- CWAC – or The College wide assessment committee -- is continuing assessment work and is interested in any retreats that units may be planning to have.
- CWAC would like convening groups to look at the results of their work – in a retreat, as part of in service, or in a separate meeting.
- ASB already has a retreat scheduled as does SSHS.
- E. Daffron suggested a retreat in May, as was mentioned by the deans last summer. S. Perry suggested sometime during the semester or after the break so it would not be considered too much of a burden to faculty.
- B. Barnett asked how results were being handled with assessments that took place during the fall, and when spring's data would be ready.
- Fall 2011 data has to be analyzed in time for the April report to Middle States.
- The timing of gathering and reviewing assessment data seems to vary across units.
- Middle States wants each program to demonstrate that they are assessing their assessment results. Each convening group must review fall 2010 results
- E. Daffron said there is a subcommittee looking at the learning goals and outcomes for Gen Education.
- After discussion on suggested dates, some units may consider a retreat in March.

PLEX/GLEX Policies

- Plex and Glex policies – was brought back for review because there was some confusion on the two different policies originally approved by Deans at a prior meeting. Glex was approved at Graduate Council almost a year ago. General statements – Plex is designed for undergraduates, Glex for graduate students.

Both have residency requirements, but students must take a number of courses before the learning experience credits can be applied.

- Discussion on graduate registration and adhering to application and registration deadlines.
- Slight change in wording on Glex procedure from GLEX credit is considered to may be considered.
- B.Barnett suggested one policy combining both PLEX and GLEX.

ARC

- Arc review chart produced by C. Brennan. – Hassan suggested a reordering of the review process, and made some notations on wording.
- Recommending changes – Prerequisites adding provost, and changes in course category – ARC to be information only. C. Romano would bring chart back to C. Brennan. B. Barnett will bring it back to E. Rainforth.

Academic Policy Review

- College Honors was not considered as there were no procedures attached.
- Overload Teaching – H. Nejad and L. Chakrin suggested a change in wording on policy, under related documents: and CWA. Under Procedures – Number 3 – “the decision of the school dean is changed to provost or their designee on overload teaching is final.”
- General Education – Change under Procedures #2 - Vice Program should be Vice Provost.
- There was a question on GECCO being a standing committee – which it is.
- Team-Taught Courses – changes in wording on procedures and portion of credit for overload as well as dates that team teaching can occur. B. Barnett will review the procedures and develop an application form for Team Taught Courses.

Other Business: Impress upon the faculty how important Middle States is and how real the financial shortfall that exists in the college.