

**Georgia Southwestern State University  
Institutional Effectiveness Committee Meeting  
September 8, 2016, 3:30 PM  
President's Conference Room**

Members Present:

Teresa Teasley, presiding  
Brian Adler  
Bryan Davis  
Christy Barry  
Robert Bennett  
Darcy Bragg  
Lisa Cooper  
Joseph Comeau  
Anish Dave  
Ru Story-Huffman  
Cody King  
David Jenkins  
Kelly McCoy  
Boris Peltsverger  
Sheryl Venable

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:32 PM by Teresa Teasley.

- **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the February 18, 2016, IEC meeting were presented. Bryan Davis suggested the amendment of changing the Assessment Subcommittee heading to General Education Assessment Subcommittee and deleting the last line of that report. Another suggestion was to make an added note to the minutes that the April 2016 meeting of IEC did not take place, but the committee did meet three times during the semester as required. Bryan Davis made the motion for the minutes to be approved with those changes. Kelly McCoy seconded the motion. All committee members present approved the minutes.

- **Meeting with Tristam Aldridge**

- Tristam reported that on what his current role is. In the short term, he is working to fill in for areas with needs, such as Counseling Services and international recruitment, and working on a framework for an enrollment plan.
- When asked for his “assessment of our assessments,” his response is that we have a realistic plan and approach. We need campus buy-in to the institutional

effectiveness culture and ethos. He is impressed with the quality of work and where we are headed.

- **Appointments of Subcommittee and Task Forces**

- **Assessment Subcommittee:**

- Bryan Davis explained that the Assessment Subcommittee will review annual reports applying a rubric to ask the questions if the goals match the mission statements of the unit, if the outcomes are measurable, and are the units using data to make improvements. They will also sponsor developmental sessions to share the reports of units that are doing well with their reports.
- The following members volunteered for or were assigned this subcommittee:  
Bryan Davis  
Christy Barry  
Robert Bennett  
Darcy Donaldson  
Boris Peltsverger  
Teresa Teasley

- **Strategic Planning Assessment Subcommittee**

- Lisa Cooper reported that this subcommittee reviewed annual reports to see how and if departmental goals matched with the university strategic plan. The original task of this subcommittee was to work on the next strategic plan, but another group has been appointed by the president for that task. This group needs to complete the FY 15 report.
- The following members volunteered for or were assigned this subcommittee:  
Lisa Cooper  
Darcy Bragg  
Joseph Comeau  
Cynthia Holloway  
David Jenkins  
Cody King  
Kelly McCoy  
Anna Wilson, student representative

- **Critical Thinking Task Force**

- Brian Adler reported that the Board of Regents no longer mandates that critical thinking be assessed, but the committee still needs to decide

whether we should continue to assess. The task force will define what critical thinking and ask departments to incorporate that definition into curriculum and assessment. The AACU rubric can be used as a benchmark. The faculty senate did not like the plan last time it was presented. An assessment with a rubric was used in English 1102 classes, but not for math classes as was planned.

- The following members volunteered for or were assigned this subcommittee:  
Brian Alder  
Anish Dave  
Ru Story-Huffman  
Sheryl Venable  
Angela Baughcum, student representative

- **Next meeting**

The October 13, 2016, planned meeting time could be used for subcommittees to meet instead of the entire committee meeting. Former chairs will initiate those subcommittee meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Bragg, Secretary