

**IEC Assessment Day
December 17, 2013**

Members Present

Lauren DiPaula, presiding

Brian Adler

Darcy Bragg

Lisa Cooper

Bryan Davis

Peggy Ellington

David Jenkins

Kelly McCoy

Bryan McLain

Boris Peltsverger

Ru Story-Huffmann

Teresa Teasley

Feng Xu

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Lauren DiPaula.

The minutes from the November 15, 2013, IEC meeting were presented. Peggy Ellington moved that the minutes be accepted. Lisa Cooper seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes with no changes.

- Update of SACSCOC Reaffirmation

Bryan Davis reported that he received the SACSCOC offsite review report on November 25, 2013. The report revealed that we were found in compliance on 74 requirements and standards. Notably, we were compliant for the core requirement 2.5, Institutional Effectiveness. Bryan gave congratulations to the IEC committee for that.

The offsite review found GSW out of compliance in 21 requirements and standards. Brian reviewed the main issues for the areas found not in compliance. Some of the main issues mentioned in this report include:

- The areas that related to finance for which we were found non-compliant are because the findings of our financial audit were not available at the time that the compliance certificate was due.
- In the area of library and technology use, academic programs have been asked to specify what technology they use to enhance which specific learning outcomes.
- For areas of non-compliance related to institutional governance, the issues are primarily Board of Regents issues such as presidential evaluation, conflict of interest for BOR members, and external influence. Those issues all require more documentation from the BOR.

- Although we were found not in compliance in three out of five areas for the Core Requirement 3.3, Institutional Effectiveness, we appear to be in good shape for the focused report. One theme that emerged in the off-site review report is that there needs to be more education about the difference between goals and activities.

Bryan Davis' detailed power point presentation report on issues of non-compliance will be made available online

Bryan Davis reported that focus report in response to the offsite review is currently being drafted with 16 narratives ready for review and five narratives still in progress.

Brian Adler suggested that, in addition to the compliance certificate and the focus report being made available for view online, a printed copy of both should be made available in the library.

The QEP committee has completed a first draft and the SACS Leadership Team has read it and given input. The QEP pilot assessment project is under way. The survey has been done and we will have some reports and results before the beginning of next semester. There are several nominees to be the QEP Lead evaluator.

- Report from the Strategic Planning and Assessment Subcommittee

This committee is working and will have a report in the spring.

- General Education

Bryan Davis presented a report on the pilot program of assessment of learning outcomes for general education. The power point of his detailed presentation will be made available.

- Meeting Schedule for Spring 2014

The SACSCOC on site visit will be on March 10-13, 2014.

The next two meetings of the IEC will be on February 13, 2014, at 3:30, at which time we will get a report from the Assessment subcommittee and task force reports, and April 13, 2014, at 3:30 when we will get a report from the Strategic Planning subcommittee and the review recommendations from the task forces.

- Task Force Formation
 - Critical Thinking Assessment Task Force

This task force is charged with examining the current method of critical thinking assessment and propose alternative, if necessary. The expected product of this task force will be a recommendation for faculty senate and general faculty

Members are:

Brian Adler, ex-officio
Peggey Ellington
Joseph Nichols
Feng Xu
Joy Humphrey
Kailash Ghimire
Student—Dr. Miller will be asked for this appointment

- University Learning Outcomes Task Force

This task force is charged with examining the benefits of creating university learning outcomes for the institution and to propose a set of outcomes. The expected product of this committee is a report intended to convince Faculty Senate that there are benefits to university-wide learning outcomes and a recommendation of what those outcomes should be.

Members:

Bryan Davis, ex-officio
Kelly McCoy
Boris Peltsverger
Teresa Teasley
Student Representative
Representatives from the School of Business Administration and Education

Bryan asked each task force to meet today and to chose a chairperson and a secretary, to discuss a rough timeline and plan to go about their charge, to get necessary participation from unrepresented schools, and to decide if they want to call for more participants. The target date for presentations of their proposals to the IEC will be at the April 13, 2014, meeting.

- IEC Task Force Reports

Critical Thinking Task Force

- Margaret Ellington, Chair
- Joy Humphrey, Secretary
- Plans
 - Organize Committee
 - Survey academic programs on if/how they assess critical thinking

University Learning Outcomes Task Force

- Kelly McCoy, Chair
- Bryan Davis, Secretary
- Plans
 - Organizational meeting to brainstorm benefits, models and assessment
 - University Wide Info Meeting