

**Institutional Effectiveness Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2013**

Members present:

Cody King (presiding)

Gayle Alston

Darcy Bragg

Lisa Cooper

Bryan Davis

Lauren DiPaula

Kelly McCoy

Dongwen Qi

Ru Story-Hoffman

Feng Xu

Other guests in attendance for the open meeting:

Dean Crumbley

Paul Dahlgren

Linda Randall

George Smith

The meeting was called to order by Cody King at 3:32 PM

Approval of Minutes February 7, 2013

The minutes for the February 7, 2013 meeting were presented. Bryan Davis moved that the minutes be accepted and seconded by Lisa Cooper. Motion approved.

Critical Thinking

A brief history and background was given for the benefit of the non-IEC members who attended the meeting. Bryan Davis presented, as part of the meeting agenda, notes from the first IEC Assessment Day in December 2011, the recommendation that was sent to the Faculty Senate in April 2012, and notes from the December 2012 Assessment Day.

After the review, the question was asked of the campus community--where do we go from here?

The following comments were a part of the open discussion:

- Our current plan is not adequate for assessing critical thinking.
- SACS says we should have institution-wide learning outcomes.
- There are standardized tests for critical thinking.

- The IEC committee could ask Academic Affairs to create university-wide outcomes.
- Another option for measuring critical thinking outcomes is a critical thinking portfolio.
- The Assessment subcommittee could look through departments mission statements, learning outcomes, and annual reports for critical thinking learning outcomes.
- QEP outcomes and core class outcomes should also have critical thinking learning outcomes.
- Critical thinking learning outcomes should also be tied in to the CCG plan in some way.

Bryan Davis announced that the IEC will officially recommend that university-wide learning outcomes be created.

Cody announced that the next meeting will be on April 18 at 3:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 PM.

Minutes submitted by Darcy Bragg.