

**PIE Council Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Cochran Rose Room (Third Floor)**

**Members Present:** Carla Lowery (Chair), Dave Haffly, Jenny Miles, Tyler Wheat, Marty Brock, Cathy Young, Nora Miller, Wesley Garrett, Brian Anderson, Nancy Wheeley, Joyce Pate, Jennifer Moore, and Ross Whitwam

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Dave Haffly to approve the February 20, 2015 minutes. A second was made by Nora Miller. The motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

-ACTION subcommittees have not formed and met yet. That process will begin soon.

**TracDat Software Application Review**

-Nuventive representatives Denise Raney and Stacy Deangelo presented a webinar regarding key features of the TracDat software application. TracDat helps institutions align planning initiatives, review and reflect on academic and non-academic outcomes, and take action to improve performance.

-Support staff are located in Pennsylvania.

-The webinar concluded at 10:54.

-TracDat software is used by other institutions in Mississippi.

-The software can be introduced piece by piece. Also, IR is adding a staff position for assessment. This person will be able to help with implementing the software.

-Topics discussed among the council included: total cost of software, integration with Ellucian (Banner), helpfulness in collecting general education assessment data, and an overall assessment concern of being required to assess low enrolled programs and minors.

-Carla Lowery will check on the above topics and report in the April meeting. Action on recommending or declining to recommend that the institution adopt the TracDat Software is tabled for the April meeting.

**Policy Statement Review**

-The council reviewed Policy #3538: PIE Council.

-Suggestions for change in the policy are:

Section 1: the word “develop” should be “assess and recommends.” Also, add “to support the mission of the University

Section 2: change “The Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs or another appointee selected by the President” to accreditation liaison and adding QEP member.

Section 3: change the three-year terms to either four or five year terms.

-Action regarding the recommending of changes, if any, is tabled for the April meeting.

Next meeting will be on Friday, April 17 in the Welty Boardroom

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.