

PIE Council Minutes
Friday, September 23, 2016
1:30 p.m.
Welty Board Room

Members Present: Carla Lowery (Chair), Nick Adams, Brian Anderson, Marty Brock, Elizabeth Carter (guest presenter), Lee Crouse (in attendance for Ashley Chisolm-Whitten), Brenda Dickey, Todd Gale, Dave Haffly, Holly Krogh, Brandy Larmon, Melinda Lowe, Jennifer Miles, Andrew Moneymaker, Jennifer Moore, Leigh Ann Puckett, Barry Smith, Ross Whitwam, Cathy Young, and Mark Bean (guest presenter)

Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes of the August 26, 2016 meeting. A motion was made by Cathy Young to approve the minutes. A second to the motion was made by Ross Whitwam. The motion carried.

NSSE & CLA Results (presented by Mark Bean)

Mark Bean informed PIE that while both the NSSE and the CLA are in the early stages of the 5-year plan (ending in 2020), both sets of results are on track to showing improvement for increasing students' curiosity for engaged learning.

Incoming freshmen are given the CLA in the Fall semester to gauge the students' baseline for analysis and problem solving and writing effectiveness. Graduating seniors are offered the opportunity to take the CLA in their last Spring semester to determine students' performance in analysis and problem solving and writing effectiveness. The baseline year for the CLA is 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 combined. Results observation: "MUW freshmen scored higher on Analysis & Problem Solving and Writing Effectiveness between Baseline and Year 1. MUW seniors score about the same on Analysis & Problem Solving and Writing Effectiveness between Baseline and Year 1."

The NSSE is given to first-time students and seniors in the Spring semester and is part of the SACSCOC Quality Enhancement Plan. Results observation: "MUW seniors respond favorably to most NSSE items. MUW seniors indicate less favorability with regard to connecting learning to societal problems, learning something that changed understanding and analysis and problem solving based on numerical information."

In conclusion, initiatives for writing effectiveness and problem solving need to be incorporated more widely, which can now be tracked more efficiently using the Tracdat assessment software by mapping out the General Education Goals through the academic assessment plans.

Update on Assessment Plan Review

Carla thanked everyone again for their diligent work on the non-academic assessment plan reviews. Each group's comments/recommendations will be emailed to the assessment coordinators and their supervising Cabinet member make them aware of PIE Council's review. If the coordinator or Cabinet member has any questions, they are to contact Carla or Elizabeth. If changes are needed, they must contact Elizabeth to make those approved changes in Tracdat.

The same review process that was used for the non-academic assessment plans will be used for the academic assessment plans. Since there are so many, one more subcommittee will be added. Each subcommittee will have at least one faculty member, and there will be no overlap in assessment plans and said faculty member and those involved with the plans' approval process.

Elizabeth will send out an email to each subcommittee with assigned plans for individuals to review first and then meet with their subcommittee group to further discuss and review. Each subcommittee chair will type a memo of their group's comments/recommendation for each plan in individual files.

Once both non-academic and academic review processes have concluded, an executive summary will be sent to Cabinet for review.

Follow up...

Since the last PIE Council meeting, the mission statement suggested edits have been presented and approved by Cabinet and will go to the IHL Board for approval in November.

Graduation and Alumni Survey Results

Elizabeth Carter reviewed the Graduation and Alumni Survey results. The Graduation Survey had an increased response rate. Overall, students graduating from MUW are satisfied with their education and college experience. The Alumni Survey had a low response rate due to inactive email accounts. This survey will be sent out again in Spring of 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.