

## **WASC Chairs Meeting Minutes 05.05.08**

Present: Diane Jonte-Pace, Alma Garcia, Carol Giancarlo Gittens, Cynthia Mertens, Betty Young

### **1. Introduction of new Program Associate, Sarah MacGregor**

a. Sarah is replacing Kristin Love Boscia as Program Associate for the Office of Undergraduate Studies.

### **2. Plans for WASC Steering Committee meeting**

a. Discussion of plans for meeting scheduled May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM. Items to be discussed include: reminder of retreat in September, updates from each of the WASC chairs.

b. The steering committee will be asked to review the power point presentation prior to the 5/19 meeting. Power point (PPT) slides will be reordered by DJP per suggestions of BYoung. A link to WASC CPR PPTs will be sent to the steering committee as an additional reminder.

c. Question ‘what is a steering committee’ was asked and answered. Steering committee is an advisory group. Some members will take on special projects. Steering committee will read early drafts and assist with the development of a draft CPR that represents the institution as a whole. Just as in the Institutional Proposal process, members of Steering Committee may run small group discussions to gather feedback on the CPR draft. Committee will also help during the site visit.

### **3. Plans for Communication with University**

a. DJP will be attending June Faculty Senate and updating the Council

b. Suggestion was made that President of Faculty Senate be asked to serve as Ex-Oficio on WASC Steering Committee. DJP will extend invitation.

c. Additional thoughts & suggestions included meetings with the Council of Chairs (already planned), opening meetings or open forums (Betty & Bill will be asking for input on format and structuring of these events), reminder/update e-mails (brief, perhaps monthly?), information to the campus community re: ‘hosting a WASC team’.

### **4. Progress reports, needs, requests**

a. Linda Kamas will provide numbers in the CIRP, CSS, ASQ, and Recent Graduate Surveys pertaining to their respective areas (C’s, IE’s, etc.) as requested by the Chairs. [Update: This will be handled by EduVentures instead of Linda Kamas/]

b. CGittens will be presenting a Brown Bag seminar on 05.08.08 titled “Are Students of Color Engaged at SCU? What does the NSSE survey tell us?” AGarcia said that she would encourage members of the IE subcommittee to attend. Brief discussion on reporting out of all NSSE data and the need to collapse the categories of ‘students of color’; CGittens reports that this did yield significant difference in the analysis.

### **5. EduVentures update**

a. CGittens reported on phone conference. Current ongoing projects taking place were outlined; consortium projects and other Jesuit schools taking part were mentioned. Current project of interest may be “Learning Beyond the Classroom”. CGittens stated that it is ongoing which would allow SCU to begin participating. Decisions would need to be made on how we

might participate and when (summer, fall?). The survey was sent to CGittens and she will be reviewing it for the 3 WASC themes SCU has outlined.

b. Discussion was also around climate surveys; diversity, etc.

c. EduVentures is open & flexible to helping SCU create programs/surveys. Discussion around Intellectual Climate questions, Diversity questions, student life/lifestyle of our students (e.g. alcohol consumption and non-alcoholic activity options found on other campuses).

d. EduVentures does all analyses and prepares/distributes the reports.

## **6. CMertens update on CCC**

a. Reports still need additional information but are well on the way. A meeting with Paul Fitzgerald, CMertens and DJP is set for 05.08.08 to discuss programs to review and report on.

b. DJP added that a presentation by Kathleen Maas Weigert at the 'Bannan at 25' conference would be of interest and use to CCC. Request to KWeigert for presentation has been sent by DJP; when received, it will be posted on the website.

## **7. BYoung update on TSM**

a. BYoung and Bill Sundstrom wrote and sent out survey containing 13 questions to chairs. Request from CMertens to receive it as Law School does not have chairs.

b. Draft is being worked on; close to sending back to DJP.

c. Discussion and planning to hold an open forum around idea of "What can the University do to support the teaching scholar model?" Request for suggestions/feedback on format presented to the chairs.

d. Report that Liz Salzer is coming next Tuesday. Questions for that meeting will go to DJP first and then be sent out to others.

e. BYoung also reminded chairs that she will be on sabbatical for all of 2008-09. Suggestions & ideas for replacement requested. DJP will be attending UCC next week and address issue then.

## **8. AGarcia update on IE**

a. All subcommittees are writing; ready for 5.12.08 meeting; table has been created—will meet with CGittens and Suzanne Dancer re: data.

b. Reports trouble scheduling some visitors; is hoping that Fr. Sonny Manuel and Francisco Jimenez will be able to meet with committee.

c. Brief conversation re: Irvine Grant, PPT of Women's studies external review. Also mentioned was the quantitative survey that will go out to faculty & staff.

d. The Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action (EEO/AA) report from the College of Arts and Sciences will come from PFitzgerald; the full report for the University is being compiled by Deborah Hirsch.

**9. New Items/Additional Business**

a. WASC self study steering committees will now submit notes from meetings to SMacGregor. Organization and polishing will be done & returned to subcommittee chair and DJP for final review and approval. Once received, SMacGregor will post on WASC website.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 3:30 PM

Next meeting: June 2, 2008

Submitted by SMacGregor 05.07.08