

MINUTES
INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE MEETING
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
ADAMS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Monday, May 11, 2009, 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Holly Adams, Sohail Agboatwala, John Dew, Kim Jones, Judy McCarley, Jack Miller (via phone), Tracy Newvine, Candice Howard-Shaughnessy, Lance Tatum, and Dan Tennimon

Members Absent: Larry Blocher (with notice), Meryem Boulale, Brenda Campbell, Bill Grantham, Mary Ann Hooten (with notice), Tish Matuszek (with notice), Jared Sellers, and Lisa Vardaman

Others present: Mac Adkins, Emily Brewer, Somer Givens, and Edith Smith

Handouts: IEC Meeting Agenda, Homer

Meeting Report: The meeting, held in the Executive Conference Room in Adams Administration Building, was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. SACS Feedback:

Dr. Dew shared with the committee some feedback from the SACS Team related to institutional effectiveness. The chair of the SACS team, Dr. Rugg, thought our institutional effectiveness was weak in several areas. Dr. Rugg said that we focused on the academic programs, but in the PERs we only focused on the student learning outcomes. Dr. Rugg said that we need to look at program level outcomes, which include student learning outcomes. Dr. Dew noted that we want to supplement the program level information with more higher level information about the programs, such as addition of faculty for a program, faculty development activities related to a program, etc. Dr. Dew stated that the Dr. Rugg did like how we used student performance on a capstone exam and how we used the Major Field Test data to provide comparison data for every location. However, he did not like how we say, "the goal for the program is that 80% of the students are going to score within ± 1 standard deviation of the national mean." Dr. Dew suggested not to stop using the MFT Exam but to shift more toward the use of program specific measures that are based upon items such as exams.

Dr. Dew stated that the SACS Team recommended that for any place that we are offering that program by location we need to have a set of expected outcomes for that location that talk about advising at that location, enrollment at that location, satisfaction with that location, etc. The team also recommended that we show student performance in every academic program that is offered at that location by program.

Dr. Dew stated that Dr. Rugg wants an approach that allows us to tell the story about Troy University and to tell it in detail and from multiple dimensions.

Because Dr. Rugg did not like our institutional effectiveness and Dashboard system, Dr. Dew proposed a new institutional effectiveness website called

"HOMER". Because Dr. Rugg thought the Chancellor's Briefings tell the story of Troy University, the information entered into "HOMER" will feed from the Chancellor's Briefings. Dr. Dew distributed copies of "Homer" to the committee. He explained that "HOMER" would use the same categories that SACS wants to see. (See slide one of the attached handout) He stated that IT would build the new IE website for everyone to access. The Deans will select college representatives that will create a PowerPoint by pulling data from the Dashboard system. Then the college representatives will send the PowerPoint to IT for them to post it to the IE website. Dr. Dew noted that the Chancellor is giving everyone until the end of July to complete the project. Therefore, the Deans will have their representatives working on the new system over the summer.

Dr. Dew stated that we would not enter any more information into the PERs in Dashboard.

A motion to accept the concept of "Homer" was made by Dr. Dew; Dr. Dan Tennimon seconded the motion; and "Homer" was approved. Dr. Dew stated that Dr. Rugg will review "Homer" in August. The IEC's role will be to review all the information that goes into "Homer".

2. Other Business:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:25 p.m.