

Meeting Minutes
Title III Advisory Team
Monday, February 2, 2009—3:00 pm
President's Conference Room—Blackwell Hall

Present: Marshall Angle, Cathy Adkins, Jim Brown, Carol Boggess, Rick Cary, JoAnn Croom, Tom Destino, Jason Pierce, Nina Pollard, Walt Stroud, Mandy Proffitt/recorder

Undergraduate Research

General Discussion

Marshall began the meeting by discussing undergraduate research. He showed the team the posters that had been put up around campus and the postcards that had been sent to students. He also informed everyone that this semester students can submit proposals via the online application on the Title III website. Marshall also mentioned that Tom would be holding another grant writing workshop for students on February 12 in Nash 212, and this spring Title III will award as many as ten grants for \$500 each (\$300 to student; \$200 to faculty mentor).

A few selected faculty members are planning a student/faculty trip to Belize and will use the Wachovia grant money to help with the costs. Carol informed the team that it is a ten day trip and students are required to write a grant proposal and have it approved.

Outcomes Assessment

General Discussion

Marshall updated the team on outcomes assessment by noting that he had received outlines and outcome plans from each department. He also had a handout that gave examples of outcomes, a curriculum map, research and advising plans, and an outcome plan from the Psychology Department. Marshall had also prepared a plan for institutionalizing faculty costs that was based on the number of grads in each department from the past few years and asked the team for input. He also asked the team for ideas concerning a mock review, and Nina suggested asking a past presenter from SACS from a small liberal arts college to give their assessment.

Honors

General Discussion

Jason began the honors discussion by reminding everyone that the planning for an honors program started with a group that went to an honors conference at Tusculum College last spring. He also said he and Kathryn Eason attended the ACA summit and got ideas for models. These trips then led to a group attending the National Collegiate Honors Council's annual conference to get more ideas that resulted in a model. Jason then turned the discussion over to Rick. Rick went over the model that the committee had come up with and the courses involved like LAA111 H and the mini-courses. Rick said the honor's program that they would like to implement is almost the equivalent to a minor being 15 credit hours.

Plan for Action

The team decided that they would show the model at February faculty meeting and allow time to talk about in division/departmental meetings. Then present the model at the faculty forum in March for discussion, and vote on whether or not to proceed at the faculty meeting in April.

Technology

General Discussion

Marshall mentioned that Marty had set Moodle training dates for the spring and that he plans to offer a Moodle “training camp” during the summer where faculty can receive additional training, develop courses, etc. Marshall then told the team he would like to proceed with the teaching and learning center in Renfro next fall and that Title III will continue installing technology in eight classrooms in Wall this summer.

Advising

General Discussion

Marshall briefly mentioned that Diane had scheduled advising workshops for March 26-27 and would be having a guest speaker. He also noted that she is in the process of recruiting new Challengers. Marshall informed the team that Laurie Peterson and Lisa Wachtman will be presenting GenFIRST at a conference at Elon next week.

Annual Report/Budget

Marshall passed out copies of the annual report.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16 at 3:00 pm.