Committee Meeting Minutes
Strategic Planning Standing Committee, Faculty Senate

Feb. 11, 2015, 10:00 AM
COAH Dean’s Conference Room

Meeting started at 10:02 AM

Attendance

Chair  Nadya Williams (History)
Member  Cathi Jenks (Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment)
       Danilo Baylen (ETF Education)
       Tami Ogletree (COE)
       Randahl Morris (Mass Communications)
       Christopher Jett (Math)
       Angela Pashia (Library)
       John Blair (FLL)

A. Approval of Jan. 16, 2015 meeting minutes

B. QEP Update

Cathi reported the response she received from Dr. Cardell, our SACS representative, to the possibility of embedding QEP Learning Outcomes in existing LO’s in the Core, since doing so would not require us to get BOR Gen. Ed. Council approval. Dr. Cardells said that while this deviates from our original QEP plan proposal, this will be fine, as long as the end result is the same (i.e., the QEP will be an integral part of each area of the Core, except Area F), and we document the change.

Nadya asked how this new change will look in the Undergraduate Catalog. Cathi explained that each outcome will be added to the current outcomes, rather than standing separately.

John asked how many writing-intensive courses students take aside from QEP courses, and Nadya explained that actually, it will be impossible now to get through the core without taking close to ten, including the QEP designated and non-QEP designated writing courses.

Cathi noted that one issue to consider is the order of core courses that students take. Data after first year of implementation will help us see growth, and also how much writing students get in their sophomore year, in particular.
Nadya provided a brief update on the second QEP Lunch and Learn session, which dealt with the QEP Rubric.

Danilo asked about the place of online courses/students and transfer students in the QEP. Cathi responded that the QEP really focuses on traditional first-time freshmen.

C. Evaluation the UWG Strategic Plan

Per Randahl’s suggestion, the committee began an evaluation of the UWG Strategic Plan, now that we are getting close to one year mark since the plan’s approval.

Nadya suggested that it may be a good idea for the Senate SP committee to conduct such an evaluation each year, and to do so through the KPI’s (Key Performance Indicators), since they are measurable.

Cathi gave an overview of Student Persistence and Degree Attainment KPI’s.

Committee agreed to consider the KPI’s document on the UWG Strategic Plan website prior to next meeting, and will continue the discussion at that time.

Meeting adjourned: 11:00 AM