

Steering Committee Meeting  
May 1, 2011 2:30p.m.  
Office of Dr. Jim Yates

Members Present: Dr. Jim Yates, Bill Gann, Steve Hughes, Michelle White, Julie Shubert, Marcus Blair, Jean Ann Barlow, Nina Ritchie, Jessica Lloyd, Leah McLaughlin

Absent: Sherry Scot-Smith, Dr. Kathy Harrell, Dr. Linda Pearson, Ramona Buckner, Kathy Quirk, Michael Martin, Kendall Repass

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Yates.

Copies of new criteria and power point were handed out and discussed (see attached).

Dr. Yates explained the options that were open to the institution; then put it to a vote to determine our future course of action. Steering Committee unanimously voted to go with option 1 'Adopt the revised criteria and plan for the visit in Spring 2013'.

It was determined that we are at the perfect juncture to make the change as we will be seen to be embracing the new Pathways program. Committees, Members and Chairpersons were shuffled accordingly (see charts in power point) and a Chair/Co-Chair system was adopted on some criteria to keep them faculty driven.

The meeting was opened to questions:

Ms. Ritchie inquired about the possibility of an Alumni survey.

Mr. Hughes stated that it was in the works.

Mr. Gann stated the importance of themes and his hope that the institution will be able to keep all of the main players for the duration of the study. He also stressed the importance of keeping the Sallisaw campus 'in the loop'.

Ms. White discussed the new regulations for the Federal Compliance Committee and the abundance of work ahead of them as well as the changes being made to the definition of the 'credit hour' and how it may impact our web, distance learning and interim classes.

Mr. Hughes discussed the Rubric system and how it is currently being used on campus.

Dr. Yates admonished the committee to discuss our weaknesses in our reporting and reiterated Mr. Gann's statement to keep good general communication between campuses, possibly using Skype or Google video chat in the future.

The date and location of the next meeting will be emailed to the committee.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Julie Shubert  
Committee Member & Recorder