July 23, 2014 Minutes

Members Present: Christine Anderson, Jennifer Tibbits, Leaunda Hemphill, Lea Monahan, Hoyet Hemphill, Teresa Koltzenburg, Roger Runquist

Members Absent: Richard Carter, Julie O'Brien, Rhonda Kline, Lloyd Kilmer, Emeric Solymossy, Padmaja Pillutla, Kristi Mindrup, In Lee, Anne Gregory, Kimberly Dodson, Sidney Colbert, Kristine Kelly

Guest: Dr. Joe Rives

The Higher Learning Commission is changing the definition of an online program, requiring only 50% of the degree to be available via online offering. Being that WIU has the General Education requirements completely available online, several of our degrees will end up qualifying. It was discussed whether students could misinterpret this as being fully online degrees (100% available at a distance).

Dr. Rives spoke and helped provide some direction to the “Off Campus” initiative. He mentioned that it would be acceptable for us to pick a smaller group to investigate and then generalize to other groups. The committee felt we should begin by looking at those degree programs that we currently offer 100% online and then we can generalize to the remaining online and distance (extension and CODEC) programs.

Dr. Rives then shared a draft document (last page of these Minutes) that provided a general roadmap the Quad Cities subcommittee was taking. The approach is to look at input characteristics, the educational experience, and the output and outcomes of the population.

The committee agreed to work on a similar format for our distance program initiative.

Action Item: Roger will share a Google Doc that will we all try to work on prior to August 6th, entering information about the various programs we represent into the grid. In doing so, please focus on program- and institutional-level items. Again, refer to Dr. Rives’ roadmap to assist with direction.

Action Item: Roger will contact Rhonda Kline in IRP to see if we can obtain a list of what is currently being gathered for students completing their degrees fully-online.
Reminder: Next meeting is scheduled for August 6th, 3:00 in the Mary Lou Kent Rom, Malpass Library or RiverFront 218 at the QC Campus