IAC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 21 JANUARY 2014

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 PM  
Location: MCC Executive Board room

Attendance: Robert Bausch, Sharon Christensen, James Dover, Dennis Frisby, Courtney Glazer, Roxanne Gooch, Mike Husak, Muhammad Javed, Heather King, Robin Lee, Richard Longoria de Voltair, Alan Moore, Frank Myers, Zeak Naifeh, Yoonsin Oh, Karla Oty, Francisco Patiño, Mary Penick, Pamela Rogers, Kirsten Underwood, Chao Zhao, and Yanjun Zhao. 

Absent: Justin Cellum, Holly Thomas, Ronna Vanderslice, and Tony Wohlers.

1. Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Mike Husak suggested hearing the grant proposals first and approving the minutes afterwards out of courtesy to the presenters.

2. Assessment Grant Proposals

First Proposal: Criminal Justice

Dr. Gary Kowaluk discussed his department’s request for funds to implement the ACAT standardized exam. If implemented, it would allow for evaluation of essential areas in criminal justice, each of which aligns with a stated student learning outcomes. IAC members posed several questions regarding use of the exams before thanking Dr. Kowaluk for his time.

Second Proposal: Library

Secretary Francisco Patiño presented a proposal on behalf of the library to fund an ACRL Assessment conference with the goal of teaching the librarians new and innovative assessment techniques, as well as provide experience hosting library science conferences. Part of the cost would be covered by an admission fee that goes to ACRL. Following several questions by IAC members, discussion turned to other potential funding sources given the “open” nature of such a conference, which falls outside of the realm of IAC funding.

Third Proposal: Accounting

Roxanne Gooch presented a proposal requesting funds for a new, professionally developed computer exam. All graduates would take the exam and it would allow comparisons with peer institutes. IAC members had several questions, most of which revolved around future funding potential.
Proposal Discussions

A lively discussion ensued.

3. Academic Program Roundtables – Looking Back

Frank Myers felt they were more positive. Zeak Naifeh felt more comfortable re-reviewing some programs he got again by chance. Karla Oty brought up that we must address what to do with the saved reviewer comments, as they will soon be too large for WEAVE to hold. Mary Penick asked if they could be put it into another file, and Karla Oty said it was possible.

4. General Education roundtables – Looking ahead

An update on the status of forthcoming Gen Ed pre-roundtables and roundtables was discussed.

5. Spring Workshops?

Mike Husak asked what, if any, workshop we need to offer. Courtney Glazer thought rubrics and or data tables might be a good place to start. Zeak Naifeh indicated interest in helping with a spring workshop. Those interested in participating were asked to remain behind after the formal meeting to discuss potential dates and formats.

6. Evaluations?

Mike Husak asked if the time, work investment, and feedback were worth conducting evaluations every year. Zeak Naifeh thought it had been worth it in the past. Frank Myers was of the opinion that we should alternate years, and since it was carried out last year we should take a year off. Frank Myers motioned to move evaluations to Spring 2015. Mary Penick seconded. Motion carried.

1. Approval of Minutes

With the revisions in place, Zeak Naifeh motioned to approve minutes. Frank Myers seconded, and the motion passed.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjourn

Frank Myers motioned to adjourn, Zeak Naifeh seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.