REAL Council

Minutes

June 9, 2010, 3:30 p.m., Tarleton Center 130

Attendees: Denise Martinez, Melissa Becker, Art Low, Russell Pfau, Tara Whitson, Johnny Robinson, Darly Doty, Cynthia Carter, Benni Konvicka
By Phone: Tracy Teaff

Handouts:
- Agenda
- SACS recommendations

Discussion:
1. Previous items:
   - Chalk and Wire:
     - When students are submitting artifacts, we can add demographic-type questions to the exercise, such as “How many ALEs have you completed including this one” etc. Denise and the Office Directors will work on these over the summer. Need to schedule meeting with Doug and Tara.
     - Doug will be setting up accounts for REAL Council members and Tara will let us know when that is available.
   - ALE requirements: Marilyn will define the specific details (e.g. minimum of 3 weeks) for study abroad and provide them to the REAL council (to clarify ALE qualifications vs. other efforts around campus). She is currently on travel but has some cool stuff to share.
   - Need our operational definition of applied learning – see Apr. 19 minutes for links;
     - Subcommittee: Russell (lead), Melissa, Benni, Mark, Gilbert
     - Task: finalize a brief definition of applied learning as appropriate to our QEP; due asap (mid July at latest);
     - This is part of our SACS response
   - Example applications: will post the available ones on the website asap;
   - Glossary of terms: applied learning, each ALE area (criteria) – Denise is working on it
   - Examples of valid experiences – provide real or hypothetical experiences; this can help people develop their own experiences.
2. Call for Proposals – change due date to July 15
   - The committee would like to meet with the President’s Cabinet and the Deans to make sure they are aware of the proposal process and ask them to encourage their people to apply.
     - Denise will check for the June 20/21 dates and get back with the office directors
   - Dr. Chilton also is willing to send out a campus wide encouragement and to ask Dr. Peer to do the same.
   - If you know of colleagues that are doing things that can be extended to an ALE, please encourage them to apply
• Be sure to spread awareness that this is not only transformational for the students, but for the instructor/supervisor as well; there must be a component of the activity that is significantly different from how it was conducted in the past and the instructor/supervisor needs to be very intentional and mentoring in helping the student identify the connections for which we are striving.

3. Meeting with the pilots – June 17 at 2:00; Denise will send a calendar item.

4. Timeline – Denise will continue to work on this
   • August workshop

5. Regular meeting time – June 23 at 9 am and every other week after that through August 18; Denise will send out a calendar item.

6. Other items:
   • Chalk and Wire: will have one master blackboard course through which C&W is accessed
     • CITDE needs the list of participants and/or courses at least two weeks prior to the time students will add entries into C&W.
   • Once someone (instructor/supervisor) completes an ALE, will they have to reapply to do it again?
     • The application form asks if it is a recurring experience
     • REAL Council will follow up with each activity (at least through the first year of implementation) to confirm whether it is continuing or not.
     • Course based ALES will need to be identified early in the semester in order to be flagged in Ducktrax so students know what they are signing up for.

7. Adjourn – 4:45 pm