

Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2017

Present: Drs. Todd Brown, Debbie Pace, Mark Sanders, Christina Sinclair, Louise Stoehr, Hans Williams, Courtney Wooten; Mr. Jonathan Helmke, Mr. Scott Shattuck, Ms. Joann Black

Dr. Pace opened the meeting at 4:00 by introducing Mr. Jonathan Helmke, Associate Director of Library Information Services. Mr. Helmke has taken the place of Dr. Anjum Najmi on the council.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 27, 2017, meeting were approved and will be posted on the UASC website.

General Discussion:

- **Meeting Schedule:** The group discussed available meeting times for the remainder of the spring semester, noting the need to meet more often for the remainder of the year. Dr. Pace will send a revised draft of the spring meeting schedule for members to review.
- **Assessment Software Presentations:** Dr. Pace asked for feedback from those who had attended the Nuventive/TracDat and Live Text presentations. The group discussed TracDat and the program's capability to tag, possibly a more efficient way to tie objectives to standards from various accrediting bodies. The group briefly discussed the Live Text program and Dr. Sinclair mentioned that the College of Education relies heavily on Live Text. The discussion re-emphasized the importance of evaluating all that TracDat offers before deciding to invest significant resources that may be required to change to different assessment software program.
- **Brandon Busted Presentation/Webinar:** Brandon Busted is the Executive Director of Education and Workforce Development for Gallup. Sponsored by the Rusche College of Business, Busted's presentation regarding the value of education provided summary information from a wealth of Gallup data. Dr. Brown commented on a few of the six main points addressed in the presentation. Engagement and mentorship were mentioned as areas that seem to get lost where assessment is concerned. Busted was asked if he has seen other universities that rank highly across all areas. His response was that there are no universities that do it all well. There are *pockets* of areas where institutions excel. Specifically related to student engagement and mentorship, the group discussed the idea of allowing faculty to do what they do best. As individuals, each faculty member has strengths and special interests; ideally, faculty should be given the opportunity to flourish where their strengths lie rather than simply adhering to general expectations that are set for faculty as a whole.
 - As an example of one possible way to leverage resources and gather similar information about our graduates, it was suggested that an alumni survey could be conducted at the university level, with disaggregated results distributed to departments and colleges for analysis. Similar efforts might reduce duplication of effort by colleges and departments.
 - The group briefly discussed student engagement and Dr. Brown mentioned that in order for students to be transformed, they must be engaged. Dr. Pace suggested

that ideas for evaluating this key university goal be a priority at future council meetings.

OSLIA Director's position:

- Dr. Pace reported that in her meeting with the provost, she expressed the council's need to have a clear job description as well as a budget for the director's position. Dr. Bullard recommended that the council meet with current OSLIA staff to discuss their existing roles. Dr. Stoehr stated that it would be interesting to find out what each OSLIA staff member views as the vision of that department and how their respective roles play into that vision. The council agreed that Dr. Pace should contact Human Resources for assistance before proceeding.
- Dr. Pace reminded council members that Dr. Bullard welcomes an additional council member joining his meetings with the UASC council chair.
- The council also discussed the need for overall planning for the future. Members noted that it is important to clarify the role of the OSLIA (e.g., assessment management and/or support among colleges/departments, data analysis and reporting, etc.) and the relationship between the OSLIA and other SFA entities involved in assessment and institutional assessment.

Other items: Dr. Pace shared Dr. Bullard's encouragement to council members to attend the next *Undergraduate Experience* book meeting to be held on February 23rd.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.