

ACC Meeting Name: Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Accountability

Date: December 13, 2007

Time: 9:30

Chair: Soon Merz

Location: HBC 603.0

Attendees:

Soon, Connie, Rich, Alice, Swapna, Anna, Charlene and Roslyn.

Minutes

Agenda Item 1: Review of Minutes

Presenter: All

Discussion:

The minutes for November 29, 2007 were reviewed.

The follow-up items were discussed:

1. Alice is working on the spreadsheet with software information and putting the software in the locked cabinet in the workroom.

Decisions/Actions:

The minutes for November 29th, were approved.

Follow Up Items and Responsible person:

1. Alice is working on the spreadsheet with software information.
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Agenda Item 2: Announcements

Presenter: Soon

Discussion:

Soon discussed the SACS Conference that she attended December 9th – December 11th. in New Orleans.

Soon attended an excellent Data and Decisions Workshop.

She brought back a CD with data warehouse programs and also some assessment material from Miami Dade. Two major topics of conversation at the workshop were linking the core indicators with the Maryland Model and working on increasing retention in developmental math courses. OIEA will need to look at the characteristics of those students who successfully complete developmental math courses to identify trends and help with a new marketing campaign to change the negative perceptions of developmental math.

Soon also attended Jack Allen's SACS session. SACS apparently has shifted its focus in response to the federal government and now wants a mid-year abbreviated certification compliance. Soon noted that SACS appears to be changing all the time. One possible course of action generated from attending this session and the data workshop session is to have as the focus of the QEP developmental education.

The General Session speakers were all excellent and inspiring. Dr. Ben Carson spoke of the ennobling influence of his mother who although uneducated herself had the vision, wisdom and tenacity to instill a desire for education in her son. Dan Thurman stressed that increasing your potential has to do with your perspective. He said that we must keep our eyes always on our goal. Dr. Samuel Betances spoke on the importance of language and vocabulary and how they influence thinking. He urged the audience to remember that students from lower socio-economic strata are often unfairly judged and failed with standardized tests that are biased in favor of the middle class. Finally Lt General Russel Honoré spoke of the leadership and preparedness lessons to be learned from Hurricane Katrina.

Soon may do a IPEDS training workshop for ACC as part of its professional development program and she has been honored with a request from NCES/IPEDS to serve on a scientific/technical panel for non degree seeking institutions at the National Postsecondary Education Cooperative (NPEC). NPEC is becoming the research arm for IPEDS.

Follow Up Items and Responsible person: Alice will order books and CDs from meetings at the SACS Conference.

Agenda Item 3: OIEA Holiday Lunch

Presenter: Soon

Discussion:

1. Soon will take everyone to Hyde Park Café for a Holiday Lunch on December 14th at 11:00.

Decisions/Actions:

Follow Up Items and Responsible person:

Agenda Item 4: New Employee Update

Presenter: Soon

Discussion:

Interviews for the Coordinator of Research Initiatives position will be in January 2008.

Follow Up Items and Responsible person:

Agenda Item 5: OIEA Projects Calendar

Presenter: Staff

Discussion:

Decisions/Actions:

The group discussed changes to the calendar.

Follow Up Items and Responsible person:

1. Charlene will add SACS Institutional Profile to January 8th.
1. Alice will take off the Staff Meeting on December 27th.
3. Alice will add Data Warehouse Meetings to Projects calendar.

Agenda Item 8: Newsletter

Presenter: Charlene

Discussion:

Staff suggested items to be published in the newsletter.

Decisions/Actions:

1. Charlene will add an announcement about SEIM and NIPSAS to the Newsletter.

Follow Up Items and Responsible person:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Next meeting: January 10, 2008