

Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 22, 2013

Location: HTC 137 (Elko) and GBC 118 (Ely)

Committee Members In Attendance: Marcus Babayo, Frank Daniels, Dave Douglas, Jonathan Foster, Rick Mackey, Laura Pike

Non-Committee Members in Attendance: Carrie Bruno

Call to order: 3:00 pm

1. Carrie Bruno presented Distance Education Committee's proposed standards, and addressed any issues and questions posed by committee members

- numerous issues and questions were raised by committee members

- explanation of reason for push for course standards requested and explanation of why it was coming from the Distance Education Committee if the standards applied to both distance education and on campus courses requested. Response given that this is at the request of the President and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Also, this has been attempted at various times in regard to all distance ed. courses and has failed. One reason for last failure was widespread objection to standards for distance ed. courses and no standards for on campus courses. Thus, distance education committee is recommending standards that apply to both.

- issue raised of definitions of terms and specificity of standards. Many of the proposed standards be more well defined and specific if faculty's courses are to be evaluated and graded on the basis of these standards. Several standards with definitional problems noted.

- issue of enforcement of standards raised. It is unclear how these standards will be applied, who will enforce them, and if they will, in fact be used as part of the evaluation process.

- issue of workload raised. If standards require weekly learning objectives and measurement of all teaching activities, then workload increase will be significant.

- committee recommended that significant revisions to proposed standards are needed, that weighted numerical values/scoring system should be removed, that proposed standards should not figure into annual evaluations, and that standards should be recast as suggested guidelines or as best practices.

Action taken: Assessment Committee members agreed that they could not support or recommend the proposed standards. The decision was unanimous.

2. Motion made and approved to table additional agenda items until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm