

Student Learning Committee (SLC)
Minutes from Meeting on September 13, 2011

Committee members present: Kendrick Brown (Chair), Nancy Bostrom, Cheryl Browne, Adrienne Christiansen, Terri Fishel, Jim Hoppe, Lisa Landreman , Peter Mathison, Libby Shoop, Chad Higdon-Topaz, Yang Yu

Absent: Kimerly Miller

I. Welcome and introductions

II. SLC's responsibilities

After the welcome and a brief round of introductions, Kendrick reviewed SLC's responsibilities as a Presidential committee, and highlighted specific tasks for this academic year:

- Task #1—Identify student learning goals and outcomes
 - This task has been underway since last year. The learning goals and outcomes are described in the committee's Statement of Student Learning, and SLC is preparing this document for distribution to the Macalester community. Eventually SLC will seek endorsement from the Faculty and the Student Affairs Leadership Team.
- Task #2—Evaluate how student learning goals and outcomes are being met within curriculum and co-curriculum
 - SLC will move into this phase after achieving endorsement of the Statement of Student Learning.
- Task #3—Lead work on the 2011-2014 Higher Learning Committee (HLC) Quality Improvement Project, testing part of Lumina Foundation's Degree Qualifications Profile.
 - In late August, our President and Provost accepted an invitation from HLC to participate in testing this proposed new model for accreditation. Provost Murray will attend SLC's September 27 meeting to discuss this project and SLC's role.

III. Revise Statement of Student Learning Pre-draft

SLC discussed and resolved issues highlighted in the yellow-highlighted comment boxes. Please see the revised documents for a record of the specific edits.

Action Item: Kendrick will send a revised document by end of day Wednesday, September 14. Each SLC member is asked to respond with comments by noon on Friday, September 16. Kendrick will synthesize these comments and provide the updated document on Monday, September 19. SLC members are asked to review the comments before our next meeting on Tuesday, September 20.

IV. Review endorsement timeline

SLC members agreed to the ambitious timeline drafted on 9.12.11. It was noted that the dates are set for this semester's meetings of both the Alumni Board and Board of Trustees. We may incorporate additional Town Hall meetings after SLC has collected feedback and revised the document in response to community feedback.

In addition to the Town Hall meetings for faculty and staff, SLC will create an electronic mechanism for faculty and staff to offer feedback on the draft. This may be done via moodle or google docs, and should include an option for general comments at the beginning.

V. Future work

Next week, SLC will continue its review of the draft document, focusing discussion on the teal-highlighted comments. Once the pre-draft is finalized, Kendrick will circulate to faculty and staff.

Attachments:

- Statement of Student Learning, Draft from 8.31.11
- Timeline