

Academic Leadership Council
MINUTES
April 13, 2009
MCCS Board Room

Attendees: Sandra Beck, Kathryn Birmingham, Lynne Crosby, Sherry David, Betsy Davis, Julie Giuliani, BJ Hausman, Neal Henning, Margo Martin, Rick Nelson, Charles Smires, Jim Simpson, Judy Staver, Dana Thomas, Nancy Yurko.

1. Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2009 – Margo Martin opened the meeting by asking the group to review minutes for approval. A motion was made by Julie Giuliani to accept and approve the minutes, with recommended changes, and it was seconded by Rick Nelson.
2. Workforce Capstone Update – Jim Simpson indicated that the Workforce Deans had met and discussed the Capstone experience. The first student experience was submitted last week and approval should be implemented. Conditions are:
 - Course description must describe the course as a capstone course
 - The course cannot be substituted
 - The course can only be taken by a student during the last 15 hours of the program
3. June 8 ALC Retreat at the Wilson Center – Several suggestions from the Executive Committee as well as the ALC for the June 8 Retreat were discussed. Margo Martin indicated that she will send an e-mail to the council members requesting their input on the agenda items. Suggestions included the following:
 - Length of term for Executive Committee members
 - Opportunity to bring forward challenges (creative problem-solving solutions)
 - College policies and guidelines review
 - IT communication and solutions
 - BAS degrees and the transition into offering these courses. Dr. Cooley should be included in the discussion of this topic (if she is here).
 - Military spouses and adults returning to college
 - Faculty issues (adjunct hours, faculty hired to be shared between campuses)

It was suggested that a working group create a plan for the Retreat. Jim Simpson agreed to cover the cost of meals for the Retreat. The ALC needs to have an agenda drafted by May 8 if a facilitator will participate at the Retreat.

It was suggested that the council review the original goals, objectives and purpose of the ALC and be sure that the group stays within that.

Nancy Yurko announced that a college-wide General Education assessment update will be held on Friday, May 1, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., at the Deerwood Center. All faculty members will be invited. Dr. Green will be in attendance to discuss the State College transition, the new College Welcome Center, and the QEP as well as other topics.

The next ALC meeting will be held on May 11.