Members present: Chris Chamberlain, Tamra Donnelly, Vish Hegde, Sally Murphy, Sarah Nielsen, Aline Soules
Guests: Donna Wiley

1. Approval of agenda.

2. Approval of minutes from previous meetings.

3. Spring quarter meeting dates scheduled for May 8 and May 22.

4. Evaluation of the critical thinking ILO via Blackboard Outcomes is completed. The members agreed that some assignments were better than others at soliciting appropriate student work. It is recommended that PowerPoints should not be submitted for assessment artifacts. It is difficult to separate writing skills from critical thinking skills and that could influence scoring. Members agreed that the process would benefit from development of additional rubrics for different disciplines, particularly in order to assess analytical skills vs. critical skills.

There was concern expressed that course and program learning outcomes might be artificially forced into correlation with an ILO. Curriculum mapping is ongoing and will help with the process. Faculty development on assignment design, definition of artifacts and refinement of rubrics would all be helpful.

5. A draft plan for ILO assessment is underway. Members suggested that every program should be required to map at least two program learning outcomes to the ILOs, in addition to the discipline specific PLO. Nielsen will prepare a draft for committee review on May 8, with the hope that it can be submitted to CAPR by May 15.

6. Nielsen discussed a class project on co-curricular learning application. The pilot study is complete, they have applied for IRB clearance. The questions are under revision. The sample population includes Peer Mentors, Honors students, Research Grant recipients, Graduate Teaching Associates, and Student Center for Academic Achievement tutors.

7. Members discussed a portfolio to showcase exemplary student work in critical thinking. Students’ names would be omitted, but a year would be included. The intention would be to add work for one ILO each year.

Respectfully submitted,

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