

Report on meeting for FOE Dimension Learning Committee 11/5/15

General Education/Learning Dimension Meeting: 3:00 pm Lunn

Members present: Elizabeth George, Scott Koeneman, Brad King, Mark Brown, Dave Wegley. Absent for out-of-town meeting: Nancy Damron

Non-voting members present: Janell Kellum, Mark Hayse, Lauren Hays, Lorie Beckum

Guest: Rick Hanson – FOE Director

Rick Hanson provided an overview of the FOE purpose/process. Specifically as it relates to the Learning Dimension.

Looked at website and preliminary data from initial faculty survey. These are intended as prompts for further discussion and investigation. There may be questions to follow up on as we determine meaning/intent.

Comparison with other institutions - ability to see across schools of our type.

Reviewed some of the recommendations for improvement. Specifically, what is the relevance of the first year experience, including their gen ed courses, to their “real” life. A better job of communicating to students/parents this purpose of the liberal arts.

Meaningful exposure to diversity. Not just more diverse student population.

What is our specific role? What are we doing related to learning and first year students?

Why don't students come back? Money might be the easy way out – many don't want to tell the real reason. How can we find out? There is a lot of shifting in and out as students decide to stay or leave. A checklist format for exiting students to more clearly define why they choose to leave. Must complete before getting deposits, etc. back.

Q & A about the website and direction of the committee. Next steps, etc.

Tentative process of dividing questions among the members and reporting back to the whole committee. Need to schedule an additional 2 meetings before the end of the semester.

Encouraged members to look at the available data and put comments on the Moodle forum site for everyone's response/consideration.

Meeting ended @ 4:05 pm.