ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

September 25, 2012

Present: Geoffrey Buhl (Math & General Education), Jeanne Grier (Credentials), Peter Smith (Computer Science and Information Technology), Jim Meriwether (History), Elizabeth Quintero (Early childhood & Liberal Studies), Scott Frisch (Political Science), Virgil Adams (Psychology), Debi Hoffmann (Library), Sue Saunders (Advising), Kathleen Klompien (Writing Center), Marie Francois (Isla Grant), Phillip Hampton (STEM Grant), Kaia Tollefson (Vista Grant), Beth Hartung (Sociology), Julia Balen (Center for Multicultural Engagement), Kathryn Leonard (Math, Keck Grant), Simone Aloisio (Chemistry), Catherine Burriss (Art), Christopher Cogan (ESRM), Dennis Downey (Center for Community Engagement), Antonio Jimenez (Spanish).

1. Continuous Improvement Summary

Program review action plan information should be available to everyone and not just held in files or stored in a computer. An annual report will be sent out to the committee and key committees. Continuous Improvement report was sent out to Provost Neuman, Associate Provost Christopher, and Assistant Provost Wakelee, AVPAAs Berg, Carey, Cordeiro, and Kinsey, and the Chairs of Senate, Academic Planning, Curriculum, and Fiscal Policies on 9/20/12. Amy reviewed the report and touched on what was in it. A copy of this report is included with these minutes.

1. CSU Core Competencies Assessment Pilot

CSU AVP have a draft plan to assess the WASC Core Competencies, which include Critical Thinking, Information Literacy, Quantitative, Writing, and Oral Communication. They will look at one competency each year for the next 5 years.

III. Calendar

Starting Program Review

• Economics (Rivera)

• Information Technology (Smith)

• Performing Arts (Burriss)

• Political Science (Frisch)

• Sociology (Hartung)

External Review/Continuous Committee Review

• Chemistry (Aloisio)

• Spanish (Ballman)

On Deck for Next year

• Nursing (Jensen)

• General Education (GE Committee)

• Library (Hoffmann)

1. Assessment Training Funds

Amy touched on assessment training that is available. Let her know if you are interested in attending or presenting, and she may be able to fund travel in order to build capacity.

* Retreat on Core Competencies: Critical Thinking and Information Literacy (Wallace, Hoffmann, Still Looking for a CT person)
* October 11-12, 2012, southern California
* The Meaning, Quality, and Integrity of the Degree Workshop October 18 -19, 2012, southern California
* Assessment 101 October 31, 2012, southern California
* Outcomes-based Program Review Workshop November 1-2, 2012, southern California
* Retreat on Student Success January 31-February 1, 2013, northern California
* NEXT GENERATION STEM LEARNING: Investigate, Innovate, Inspire in Kansas City, Missouri, November 8-10, 2012. Register by September 26 for best conference rates.
* AAC&U 2013 Annual Meeting—The Quality of U.S. Degrees: Innovations, Efficiencies, and Disruptions—To What Ends? in Atlanta, Georgia, January 23-26, 2013.
* GENERAL EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT: A Sea Change in Student Learning in Boston, Massachusetts, February 28-March 2, 2013. Register by January 17 for best conference rates.
* Student Success and The Quality Agenda in Miami, Florida, April 4-6, 2013. Register by February 15 for best conference rates.
* INSTITUTE ON GENERAL EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT at The Hotel at Turf Valley, Ellicott City, Maryland, June 2-6, 2012
* INSTITUTE ON HIGH-IMPACT PRACTICES AND STUDENT SUCCESS at Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, June 19-23, 2012
* INSTITUTE ON INTEGRATIVE LEARNING AND THE DEPARTMENTS at The University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, July 11-15, 2012.
* PKAL Summer Leadership Institutes for STEM Faculty at the Baca Campus of Colorado College in Crestone, CO
* Institute I: July 17-22, 2012
* Institute II: July 31-August 5, 2012

V. Continuous Improvement Coordinator Position

Still looking for a faculty member to serve as the Continuous Improvement Coordinator.