LAC Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2018

1. Meeting started at 3:55.

2. Middle States Conference Update:

   Higher Ed Landscape Under Trump (Terry Hartle, American Council on Education (ACE)):
   • Funding for higher ed hasn’t been affected.
     o PELL increased
     o Trio/Gear up increased
     o NIH $5B increase
     o Titles II & V increase 15%
   • Regulations: fewer than under Obama – good for higher ed.
   • Accreditation:
     o Reducing federal micro-management of accreditors.
     o Focus on student learning, educational quality, financial stability
   • Title IX: looking to improve it. Better protection of right of accused.
   • DACA not doing well under Trump, but nothing really happening.
   • International Students: not directly affected, mostly “collateral damage”

Assessment/Culture Change:
• Assessment should be meaningful to people doing assessment
• Need to be a people person
• Don’t get boxed in to how things are done.
• Help those doing assessment see the value in it.
• Administration needs to recognize that it’s hard work.

Plenary, Accreditation on the Edge
• Very difficult to define quality:
  o Is it student learning?
  o ROI
  o No student debt
• What is the role of the accreditor?
  o Quality assumption
  o Quality improvement
  o Consumer protection
• Accreditation is opaque. How transparent should it be?
  o Innovation vs maintaining status quo
  o Resistant to novelty
• Many sessions on Strategic Planning.

• Addressing Standards II and VII Through a Policy Advisory Council, presentation with Dr. Redmond.
3. **How Well Do You Know Our Students?** Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) Data Discussion
   - See attached power point about CCSSE.
   - See answers to Jeopardy.

4. Discussion on sharing CCSSE data:
   a. Email faculty
   b. CCSSE Series in Bergen Daily
   c. Friday Fact of the Day (share outrageous facts)
   d. Distribute data to academic offices:
      i. Foam cards
      ii. Change foam cards monthly

5. How do we get faculty more involved?
   i. Go to Division meetings 2-3 times/year. Share 2-3 data points and discuss/brainstorm after.


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