

## **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.
    - PELL increased
    - Trio/Gear up increased
    - NIH \$5B increase
    - Titles II & V increase 15%
  - Regulations: fewer than under Obama – good for higher ed.
  - Accreditation:
    - Reducing federal micro-management of accreditors.
    - 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:
  - Is it student learning?
  - ROI
  - No student debt
- What is the role of the accreditor?
  - Quality assumption
  - Quality improvement
  - Consumer protection
- Accreditation is opaque. How transparent should it be?
  - Innovation vs maintaining status quo
  - 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.
6. Meeting adjourned at 4:55.

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