LOOC Meeting Minutes  
Green Hall Conference Room  
April 23, 2010  
2:00-3:30 p.m.

In Attendance:
Marilyn Barbour (Chair) Mary MacDonald  
Laura Beauvais Karen McCurdy  
Gary Boden Libby Miles  
Lori Ciccomascolo Josh Oberle  
Elaine Finan Robert Shea  
Carolyn Hames David Smith  
Sandy Hicks John Stevenson  
Anne Hubbard Anne Veeger

I. Welcome and approval of the minutes of March 10, 2010 and April 5, 2010.

II. SLOAA update on programmatic student learning outcomes assessment (B. Shea/E. Finan)

SLOAA attended ASAC meeting today, April 23, 2010. 28 programs are up for approval: 20 at Level 1, 7 at Level 2 and 1 at Level 3. BOG is impressed that 98% of our undergraduate programs reported this year and that we will be able to deliver a plan and expectations for graduate programs by June. Both URI and RIC reported at the meeting. Institution plans were received individually and not compared to each other. Those programs receiving Level 2 and 3 recommendations are being offered mini-grants this spring through SLOAA, with amounts based on needs.

III. SAGE Update (J. Stevenson/ S. Hicks)

Current focus of SAGE has been working with Grand Challenge fellows to enhance this part of General Education. The recent ASAC report for the General Education Program was given a level 2 because data collection had not yet occurred. The SAGE committee will meet in early May to discuss a plan for addressing this. Suggestions were made regarding potential data sources currently available including the Wabash study for critical and ethical thinking, NSSE data, and LEAP data. It was also suggested that a form of pre- and post- testing of the Grand Challenge courses might be considered.

IV. Graduate Student Outcomes Assessment (L. Ciccomascolo)

Workshop was held on April 20, 2010 and was well attended and useful. The next step will be to create the report on graduate student learning outcomes assessment for the RIBGHE. This will come to LOOC for comment.

IV. LOOC Policies (M. Barbour)

The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the LOOC policy statements, which were reviewed and edited by the committee. The discussion was thoughtful, included full consideration of the Provost’s suggestions, and ended with strong consensus.
The LOOC committee voted upon and approved the full LOOC report for the Faculty Senate which would be presented at its meeting on April 29, 2010.

V.  New Business (M. Barbour)

At its next meeting on May 5, 2010, the committee needs to look ahead and create plans for the next year. LOOC also needs to determine what needs to be accomplished this summer, especially with regards to moving forward on implementing its policies.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:  Wednesday, May 5, 2010  
3:00-4:30 p.m.  
Galanti Lounge