

**Georgia Southwestern State University  
Institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC) Meeting  
December 15, 2015 9:30 a.m.  
Wheatley Admin Building Room 127**

**Members Present**

Anish Dave, presiding  
Talisha Adams  
Brian Adler  
Darcy Bragg  
Lisa Cooper  
Bryan Davis  
David Jenkins  
Cody King  
Maggie Lehman  
Kelly McCoy  
Boris Peltsverger  
Susan Robinson  
Ru Story Huffman  
Teresa Teasley

**Others Present**

Charles Patterson  
Sara Speir

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Anish Dave.

- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the November 12, 2015 meeting presented. Motion to approve with minor edits: Bryan Davis; second: Lisa Cooper. Motion approved.
  
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Assessment Subcommittee**
    - Dr. Davis reported that the subcommittee has begun its work, but that not all annual reports to be reviewed have been submitted. Report will be complete by April 2016.
  - **Strategic Plan Assessment Subcommittee**
    - Dr. Cooper reported that preliminary review of the results from the strategic planning survey suggests that not all respondents seem to understand the questions as they are posed. Some question tweaks may be necessary before using the survey again, if necessary.
  - **General Education Report**
    - Dr. Davis reported that the General Education assessment of Area A1 and Critical Thinking for 2014-15 has begun, and that assessment of Area A2 will begin soon. Results of Area A1 and Critical Thinking Assessment will be available by January 29, 2016.

- Dr. Davis also reported that the USG General Education Council has recommended the deletion of the US Perspectives, the Global Perspectives, and the Critical Thinking overlay requirements from the Core curriculum. The pros and cons of this recommendation were discussed.
- Dr. Davis also reported on both external and internal review of General Education assessment for 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14. Some issues were noted with assessment of Area A2, Area B, Area D, the Global Perspectives overlay, and the Critical Thinking overlay. Remedies for the issues were discussed.
- **Report on Progress of Windows to the World Program**
  - Dr. Sarah Speir, Director of International Programs, reported on a number of Windows to the World Seminars that have been staged in the last three semesters, and shared some student comments on the seminars.
- **Report on Strategic Planning Progress**
  - Dr. Brian Adler reported that the President's Advisory Council with some additional representatives from among the students, staff, and faculty will act as the steering committee for developing GSW's next strategic plan during 2016. The Council will meet January 7, 2016 to begin the process.
  - The tentative timeline for planning aims to have one phase of the plan ready for implementation by April 2016, and a complete plan ready for implementation by December 2016.
  - The Educational Advisory Board (EAB) will provide assistance identifying best practices for drafting and for implementing GSW's next strategic plan.
- **SACSCOC Interim 5<sup>th</sup>-Year Report: a Look Ahead**
  - Dr. Bryan Davis discussed plans for the 5<sup>th</sup> year report: A look back, lessons learned, a look ahead, and changes to consider (See PowerPoint presentation (attached)).
- **Meeting Schedule for Spring 2016**
  - Dr. Dave said that he will schedule meetings for February and April, 2016 via email.
- **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Bryan Davis (covering for Teasley first part of meeting)  
 Dr. Teresa Teasley, Recording Secretary