Annual Report

Academic Year 2007-08

University Committee on Liberal Learning

Chairperson: Helene E. Pazak
Meeting Dates: 8/22/07 (Retreat), 9/26/07, 10/24/07, 11/28/07, 1/23/08, 2/27/08, 3/26/08, 5/7 and 5/8/08 (Retreat)

Committee Activities:
- Development of UCLL Governance web site.
- Completing analysis phase that will lead to the development of a campus and community website featuring liberal learning.
- Analysis and linkage of NSSE, CIRP, Residential Life and other surveys to the Liberal Learning goals.
- Consultation and integration with Scientific Reasoning, Quantitative Literacy and Writing Design and Assessment Groups
- Pilot assessment of quantitative and scientific reasoning abilities of selected current students and approximately 3500 incoming freshmen.
- Optimized language of liberal learning goals for clarity and understanding.
- Participated in hosting two speakers, Dr. Lee Knefelkamp (Effective Citizenship and Personal and Social Responsibility) and Dr. John Paulos (Quantitative Literacy).
- Presentations of goals at New Administrators Orientation, New Faculty Orientation, and International Internship Workshop

Plans for Academic Year 2008-09
- Finalize learning outcomes (LOs) for each of the 6 Liberal Learning Goals.
- Development of communication plan and tools for distribution of Liberal Learning Goals and learning outcomes to all Campus audiences (students, faculty, academic advisors and administrators).
- Continued Development of assessment tools for LOs and information bank for future analysis.

Issues affecting Committee Work:
- Large Committee Size
- Varying background of committee members understanding of liberal learning, of current and future assessment tools, and of advisory role within University governance.

Assistance from Academic Governance:
- Assistance with election of committee representatives from all Colleges.