

Instruction Committee Mid-Year Report 2018- 2019

Membership:

Angela Bell (Health Professions)
Michael Blankenship (English)
Elizabeth Briggs (Communications)
Lisa Carter (Information Systems)
David DeLong (Mathematics)
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Glenn Fox (Social Sciences)
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Steve Litherland (AVP Libraries, Past Chair, Ex-Officio)
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Victoria Proffitt (Mathematics)
Richard McCammon (Humanities)
Angela Slaughter (Business Management)

Vacancies:

Academic Dean (Transfer Programs)
Academic Dean (Career and Technical Programs)

Proposed Charges 2018- 2019

1. Review and recommend any revisions to policies, procedures, plans, or other relevant documents that are germane to the purpose of the Instruction Committee, e.g., course outlines and course syllabus templates, the General Education Assessment Plan, Policy 2105 Academic Standards.
2. Develop and maintain content pertaining to instructional effectiveness for inclusion in the Instructional Resource Repository.
3. Facilitate and finalize rubric revisions that align with the college's new General Education Assessment Plan and associated learning outcomes.
4. From the perspective of the Instruction Committee's purpose and role in shared governance, make recommendations for changes to the committee's 2019-20 bylaws (including name, purpose, mission, and membership) to align with the college's efforts around Guided Pathways. Include the purpose behind any recommended changes, and seek the input of college stakeholders and constituents when necessary or appropriate. Any changes must adhere to the processes set forth by the General Guidelines for Shared Governance System created by the PAPC and documented on the TCC website.

5. From the perspective of Instruction Committee's purpose and function at TCC:
 - a. Review and document the previous strategic plan for strengths and weaknesses;
 - b. Make recommendations for developing the next strategic plan including (but not limited to) best practices for college-wide engagement to adequately represent the unique perspectives and role of the committee.
 - c. Make recommendations for ensuring that the Performance Funding Metrics and Student Progression Markers are incorporated into the strategic plan.

Instruction Committee's Progress

- General Education Plan/Rubric Development and Finalization
 - IC has reviewed the SCHEV revised policy on General Education and Assessment. The VCCS will support Civic Engagement, Critical Thinking, Written Communication, Quantitative Literacy, Professional Readiness and Scientific Literacy.
 - IC has solicited input from faculty on the General Education Policy Draft. Comments were collected and included in the report to the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.
 - IC reviewed the revised Scientific Literacy rubric for alignment with the General Education Policy Draft definition. IC voted that the revised TCC Scientific Reasoning rubric meets the spirit of and is in alignment with the VCCS General Education Policy definition of scientific literacy.
 - IC reviewed and found the Critical Thinking rubric meets the spirit of and is in alignment with the VCCS General Education Policy definition of critical thinking.
 - IC has been working extensively on development of a Civic Engagement (CE) Rubric.
 - The Massachusetts Civic Learning and Engagement Assessment Framework was used to begin the conversation for how TCC would fulfill SCHEV requirements.
 - Faculty input was solicited for the CE rubric.
 - IC members evaluated other CE rubrics and objectives and discussed modifications to make each objective measurable.
 - IC worked to develop objectives worded to maximize application at TCC for practicality and assessability.
 - IC has begun drafting definitions of terms, e.g. civic values that will be necessary for effective assessment.
- Strategic Plan
 - IC attended presentation on VCCS PFM plan including a discussion on the impact of the plan on TCC funds, and the 10 metrics used to distribute General Funds.

- IC attended a presentation on the College's planning transition and future strategic planning efforts.
- IC has begun discussions on former TCC Strategic Plan and how to proceed with developing recommendations for moving forward.
- Instructional Resources:
 - Faculty input was sought regarding the provision of the library instruction for SDV 100 classes. The online format will enable the libraries, given current staffing levels, to provide quality library and information literacy instruction for research-based courses, improve support for online courses, and increase librarian availability for reference service.
 - IC recommends transitioning the library support for SDV to an online format in Canvas to maximize access for students.
 - IC attended presentation on VIVA Open and Affordable Course Content Grant Program. VIVA, the academic library consortium of Virginia, has an Open and Affordable Course Content Committee that is offering a new Course Redesign Grant Program, as well as an ongoing opportunity for faculty to earn a stipend for reviewing Open Educational Resources (OER) content for the Open Textbook Network (OTN). IC forwarded information to faculty to support instructional efforts.

Remaining Actions

- General Education Plan/Rubric Finalization
 - IC will finalize the CE rubric.
 - The General Education Policy draft will be submitted for VCCS approval in January 2019. The GE plan is due to SCHEV in March 2019.
- Guided Pathways
 - Rubrics will be provided to Pathway Deans with an open invitation to attend a meeting discussing the objectives, assessments, or provide clarification.
 - Faculty will be asked to evaluate if their course can assess CE with feedback requested by May 2019.
 - IC will review current IC by-laws and policies to ensure alignment with the college's efforts around Guided Pathways.
- Strategic Plan
 - Review and document the previous strategic plan for strengths and weaknesses; including assessability and alignment with the VCCS Strategic Plan.
 - Make recommendations for developing the next strategic plan including developing objectives that are measurable and in alignment with the current VCCS 2021.
 - Make recommendations for ensuring that the Performance Funding Metrics and Student Progression Markers are incorporated into the strategic plan.

