Minutes

Division Meeting – Liberal Arts

November 24, 2015 – 3:00 p.m. - WHT 209

In attendance: Jennifer Baine, Ken Bridges, Sterling Claypoole, Henry Culbreth, Scott Larkin, Shakerah Moody, Gayle Norman, Susan Spicher, Dinah VanHook, and Christy Wilson. Mr. Cagle and Dr. Best attended also.

The meeting started at 3:00 when Mr. Ballard introduced Benjamin Cagle to make a presentation on how to incorporate the Credo information literacy modules into Blackboard for use in a variety of courses. Mr. Cagle used handouts and a video to explain the modules and the teaching aids that accompany them. He also showed the faculty how to access the modules and save them in Blackboard courses. Among other advantages, he explained that Credo may be used to teach and measure skills that are included in the college-wide learner outcomes but that may not be included in textbooks.

Because the first draft of the summer class schedule was not accessible in POISE today, Mr. Ballard said he would distribute it via email for feedback when the schedule becomes available.

At this point in the meeting, Ms. Wilson addressed agenda item 3 on master syllabi when she explained the process that she and the other assessment coaches have been going through to compile guidelines for building a master syllabus for each course in the curriculum. She showed the group a 12-page document that has been compiled and submitted for approval through the shared governance process. A lengthy discussion followed, and Mr. Ballard reminded the group that the hour was almost spent. He suggested that agenda item # 4 could wait until the division’s next meeting and asked for any reports or announcements in the last minutes of the meeting. Ms. Spicher reported on a meeting at SAU-Magnolia that she, Ms. Moody, Mr. Ballard, and several other SouthArk personnel attended. One of the results of these meetings was a proposal to develop a 2 + 2 agreement for students who are interested in becoming social workers. The agreement would require adding two new courses to the SouthArk curriculum, Introduction to Social Work and Social Problems.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00.