

AQIP Scholarship Committee

“Enhancing the Campus Climate for Scholarship”

Minutes
November 13, 2007

Present: J. Leonard (chair), M. Freier, P. Hogan, P. Pless, P. Prus, J. Schiffer, Brian Cherry

I. Approval of Minutes from Oct. 31.

II. Selection of Recorder for the meeting

Brian Cherry (had to leave at 6:00pm)

III. Announcements

- a) Jill informed the committee that Cindy Prosen is willing to sponsor some people to attend the Conference- Council for Undergraduate Research June 21-24.
- b) Jill passed around a pamphlet for undergraduate research. Cindy Prosen would like us to consider this type of pamphlet for outreach.

IV. Committee Assignments

Jill passed around a list of committees and people who are serving on them.

V. Subcommittee Reports

Patty passed around some information from the Chronicle of Higher Education regarding National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), a campus climate instrument. We need to check with Paul Duby to see if we already have this data.

Outreach Report (Mollie)

- Monthly Faculty Forum
- Identify a theme for the semester or year and have speakers
- Display faculty work in the library
- Increase participation and attendance at Student Research
- Use Focus Groups
- Utilize the bookstore better

Next step to consider- the forums and focus groups.

Participation Report (Adam)

- Obtain data of current activities
- Identify the types of information to be included

Regarding conferences: does watching count or must the student participate?

Can we make a way to standardize how faculty list their research and how many students they take with them?

How to get student info
Survey? --electronic

Students committee:

- Which classes are doing/promoting scholarly works?
- How do we find them?
- Should we highlight these works?
Student works site (ex. art.nmu.edu)

Proposal: It will be difficult to pull info from past records
--develop a mechanism to collect present and future information
Need an incentive to get people to report what they are doing
Need more communication between professors
--faculty lounge? faculty luncheon?

Time committee: menu of options, send it out as an online survey
--what do people want?
--what do they want the MOST

Tasks for subcommittees:
Student plan
Data collection
Focus scripts

VI. Next meeting: Wednesday December 5th, 7:30 AM