

# University Planning Group

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Thursday, September 1, 2011

LSC Conference Room

## Minutes

Present: J. Day, M. Bestul, L. Bowen, J. Carfagno, J. Colleran, S. Crahen, A.R. Day, J. Krukones, K. Lis Dean, K. Manning, B. Martin, R. Mausser, M. McCarthy, P.V. Murphy (HS), P. Murphy (MML), K. O'Dell, G. Petsche, D. Pruce, R. Rochford, N. Santilli, K. Schuele, J. Smith, M. Valencia, B. Williams

Dr. Day called the meeting to order at 8:35 am and welcomed the group. The members introduced themselves and approved the May minutes with one change.

J. Day explained to the group that John Carroll will begin the process for institutional reaccreditation by the HLC in 2013 -2014. The UPG will have a role in the process. John Carroll must prepare an extensive self-study by the end of calendar year 2013 for review in 2014.

1 – 2 people from the UPG will be sent to the HLC to learn about the re-accreditation process and their revised criteria.

- HLC is developing a new model to maintain accreditation and it is called the “Pathways Process”. The 2013-14 accreditations will not be using the Pathways Process but we will roll onto the Pathways Process at the conclusion of this reaccreditation cycle. The HLC has crafted revised criteria for accreditation. We will need to respond to the new criteria as we prepare our self-study.
- Sessions to learn and test the new (beta version) of the criteria will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

N. Santilli explained that the model was developed to avoid the 2 models presently in place. The HLC is trying to integrate both models into one for universities to use in hopes the criteria fits with the universities and they are committed to the accreditation.

J. Day further explained that the 4 accreditation bodies were focused on assessment until the financial crisis. Now they focus more on planning.

HLC / Resources and Planning Core Components

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- 5.A. The institution's resource base supports its current educational programs and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future.
- 5.B. The institution's governance and administrative structures promote effective leadership and support collaborative processes.
- 5.C. Allocation of resources is aligned with the institution's mission and enhances its capacity to fulfill that mission.
- 5.D. The institution engages in systematic planning.
- 5.E. The institution works systematically to improve its performance.

J. Day will call on "pockets of expertise" from various areas on campus to help navigate through the process. He then steered the discussion to address some agenda items for this semester.

- UPG needs to work on developing a set on aspirant institutions to complement our peer institutions;
- There will be 2 Town Hall meetings this fall, the first on September 21<sup>st</sup> addressing the student experience and the second on October 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss finances;
- The UPG will complete work on our draft strategic plan including goals and objectives and will determine a process for reporting our work to the campus at-large;
- AJCU drafted a document defining the "Academic Experience at Jesuit Institutions" for discussion and may prompt dialog with the UPG.

J. Day divided the group into breakout sessions headed by: J. Day, L. Bowen, N. Santilli and J. Krukones. Each group was asked to discuss UPG strategic goals and objectives and revise where needed. The document is fluid and may be edited and improved on during the discussions. After the editing process the document may be ready to go public.

J. Day thanked the members and adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am