

**JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY  
PROVOST'S COUNCIL**

John Day, Lauren Bowen, Jeanne Colleran, Sherri Crahen, Barbara D'Ambrosia, Roy Day,  
Kathleen Dean, Dwight Hahn, Jim Krukones, Anne Kugler, Mark McCarthy, Sheila McGinn,  
Paul V. Murphy, Karen Schuele, Brian Williams, David Wong.

March 26, 2014  
Minutes

Present: John Day, Lauren Bowen, Kathleen Dean, Dwight Hahn, Jim Krukones, Anne Kugler, Pam Mason, Karen Schuele, Brian Williams, David Wong.

J. Day convened the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Since there was no representation from Student Affairs at the meeting, J. Day said that we would table the discussion on the Learning Outcomes Crosswalk.

J. Day reported on John Carroll's membership in NAC&U (New American Colleges and Universities). NAC&U is a consortium of universities much like us and in our comparator group but not in competition with us for students. The presidents of the member institutions make up the board, and each member institution designates its chief academic officer as its representative to the Council of Institutional Representatives (IREP). There are also affinity groups for the Chief Academic Officers, Chief Financial Officers and Chief Student Affairs Officers. As an example, B. Williams noted that the consortium's enrollment group is a good venue to share data, and explained that he is more comfortable sharing information with this group as opposed to AJCU, since they are comparable yet don't overlap in competition for students.

John Day noted John Carroll's current work with NAC&U regarding online course cross-registration (note online course inventory web page: <http://www.anac.org/OnLineCourses.html>) and the TEAGLE grant, which will culminate in a book on the topic of liberal arts and the professions. L. Bowen, the point-person on the TEAGLE grant book project, explained that the book's intended audience includes prospective students, parents, and guidance counselors, and that the book is meant to help explain to students why liberal arts are important and to assist them in finding the right match in a major.

J. Day reported that NAC&U is now looking for faculty ambassadors from each member institution. While A. Kugler would be a logical choice as JCU's ambassador, there was a question regarding her administrative (vs. faculty) status. D. Hahn said that he will take the issue to Faculty Council and report back to J. Day. B. Williams also noted that it was important to get some clarity from NAC&U regarding the role of the ambassadors, including whether it is intended to be project-specific or generally supportive of the CAO.

L. Bowen gave a report on the first-year experience. She noted that, while the group examining it is still completing its inventory of our offerings and programs, it became clear that the focus needs to shift to intended outcomes. We first need to look at the goals and outcomes derived from the Student Affairs and Academic Affairs Learning Outcomes and map them back to our

current programs to find any duplication or gaps. Any changes would need to be enacted by the end of this semester or early in the fall, that is, prior to the implementation of the new Core.

L. Bowen also reported that campuses are having more intentional conversations on the sophomore experience. She noted that looking at our first- and second-year retention rate is a good place to start but should not be our sole concern. We need to ensure students continue to thrive as they move toward declaring their majors.

J. Day noted the recent visit by a consultant to the Center for Career Services. The consultant suggested that the advising meeting in which students declare their majors is also a good opportunity for encouraging them to consider high-impact experiences such as study abroad and internships.

L. Bowen said that she will be sharing the first-year experience information at the general faculty meeting this afternoon, and will encourage faculty to become involved. She also reported that she is working on a First Year Experience landing page.

D. Wong asked about costs associated with the first-year-experience programs. L. Bowen replied that at present there is no need for new resources, but rather coordination.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Lovequist

Upcoming Spring 2014 meeting dates:  
Wednesday, April 9 – 9:00-10:30 AM  
Friday, April 25 – 3:00-5:00 PM  
Wednesday, May 7 – 9:00-10:30 AM