**Vice Presidents of Instruction Council**

**Minutes - October 14, 2008**

**Present:** Bill Coppola,Cher Brock, Julie Leidig, Deana Sheppard, Judy Murray, Linda Luehrs-Wolfe,

**Guests:** Marie Thibodeaux, Christina Todd, William Durham, Donetta Goodall

**1. Curriculum Proposals** (Marie Thibodeaux) – The VP Council approved the consent agenda.



**2. LSCS 08-09 Committees** (Linda Luehrs-Wolfe) – A request was made to include counselors from each college be added to the Core Curriculum Committee. Linda distributed the LSCS 08-09 Committee list and requested the VP Council review the committee assignments and provide updates as needed.

**3. SCAPE and CLEP Faculty Compensation and Process** (Linda Luehrs-Wolfe) – The compensation and processes of the SCAPE and CLEP exams are not consistent across the colleges. The VP Council discussed the current arrangements and agreed to research this before the new VP Council meeting. This topic will be placed on the November VP Council agenda for a decision on the following items: A) Are we charging for the CAPE exam? B )If there is a charge for the exam, when and how much is the student charged? C) Are faculty being paid for the follow-up?

**4. Top Six Courses to begin Online Course Development** (William Durham) – LSC-Online is beginning to work on improvement of our professional training. LSC-Online is also trying to develop a strong DL Council on each campus. The first courses targeted for re-design are: BIOL 1322, SOCI 1301, HIST 1301, GOVT 2301, PSYC 2301, and COSC 1401. LSC-Online will contact the colleges to begin setting up the timetables and training necessary for the re-design of these courses. The goal is to have these six courses re-designed before the holiday season 2008. The faculty will be reimbursed from the LSC-Online budget account for the course re-design. LSCS Online is developing a four hour online certification course for the instructors to get certified to teach online. A one hour course is being developed for instructors to teach EDUC 1300 online. This will be ready by December 1, 2008. This will include pedagogy and how to use the online tools to improve teaching students.

**5. LSC- Faculty Productivity Measures** (Linda Luehrs-Wolfe) – The VP Council identified four general areas to focus on Instructional Effectiveness/Quality, and they are: 1) Faculty Workload, 2) Student Success Metrics, 3) Value Added/Excellence Matrixs, and 4) Program Vitality.

**6. Honors Program Scholar Proposal** (VP Council) – If approved, this proposal would be considered during the budget process for the 2009-2010 academic year consideration. The VP Council agrees with this in principle, but suggests seeking funding through the LSCS Foundation. The VP Council also agrees with the proposal of offering a more robust honors program, but the funding is problematic for such a small cohort of students. The VP Council is requesting further feedback on the proposal. Changes in the program should include flexibility for the colleges to determine the cohort classes, ENGL 1301 should not be required to be repeated, the study abroad component should be voluntary, and courses not part of the degree program should not be required. The VP Council would like to see this proposal scaled back to perhaps a one year full scholarship program that may be fundable and look at increasing cohort sizes.

7. Open Discussion Items with Donetta Goodall and the VP Council

Next VP Council Meeting: December 9, 2008