

Agenda
Academic Council Meeting
October 5, 2011
7:45 a.m., LHH 222

1. Updates:
 - a. Implementing Learning and Study Strategies Inventory (LASSI) - September 15 – October 15: completion by first-time entering undergraduates
 - 1) Student handout (see next page)
 - 2) LASSI faculty workshop – October 18 (Tuesday) 1:15 p.m., Grand Mesa Multi-purpose Room – with Claire Weinstein
 - b. HLC – course syllabi posting – due October 15; faculty vita coming later
 - c. Tenure and Promotion Committee reps to campus-wide committee
 - d. Honors courses to Luis Lopez: wrapping up Spring 2012 schedule
2. Proposed revisions to Handbook's sick leave policy (Barbara Case King)
3. CMU Budget and Exploring Becoming a Public Service Corporation
4. Ideas for Talking about Teaching – particularly with junior faculty – ideas:
 - a. Creating rubrics and assessment tools:
 - b. Teaching to the top and teaching to the bottom
 - c. Designing/conceptualizing courses (What kinds of questions should we ask? etc.)
 - d. Generating and running a discussion
 - e. Using the Socratic method
 - f. Making grading more efficient
 - g. Designing syllabi (syllabus as teaching tool)
 - h. Encouraging Critical Thinking
 - i. Lecturing
 - j. Engaging undergraduates in a research project
 - k. Working with groups/teams in a classroom
 - l. Making complicated topics understandable
 - m. Building and participating in a learning community
 - n. Leading a peer critique workshop
 - o. Generating Ideas/Invention
 - p. Handling disruptive or toxic students
 - q. Developing creativity
 - r. Organizing a well-structured, logically coherent class period
5. Mandatory evaluations of Lecturers
6. 2012 Summer School Opportunities

Upcoming Activities/Due Dates:

October 11 (Tuesday), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 1st Floor, University Center – Major Fair
October 15 (Friday) – posting of course syllabi for self-study due
October 18 (Tuesday), 1:15, Grand Mesa Multi-purpose Room – LASSI Training: Faculty Workshop – Claire Weinstein
October 17 – 20 (Monday – Thursday) – Optional 8 week Early Alert System reporting
October 19 – next meeting
December 16 (Friday), 9:30 a.m., University Center Ballroom – Commencement

FAQ: Have You Completed the LASSI?

What is LASSI?

The Learning and Study Strategies Inventory (LASSI) is a tool to increase your likelihood of academic success. LASSI won't tell you if you will be successful, but it can help identify your strengths and where you need some assistance related to your learning and study practices and attitudes. The results will be discussed with you during your advising session as you prepare for Spring 2012. To find your assigned advisor, log into MAVzone and go to the Student Academics tab. At the top-center column you will find your Academic Profile.

Why do I have to take the LASSI?

Colorado Mesa University wants you to be successful, so **if you are a first-time undergraduate** who began in summer or fall 2011, you are required to complete (LASSI) **prior to registering** for next semester. Your advisor will discuss the results with you as part of your advising session for selecting courses for next semester. **Please note that you will not be able to register for Spring 2012 classes until you have completed the inventory.**

How long does it take to complete the LASSI?

Completing LASSI is easy. It is an 80-item assessment designed to gather information about your learning and study practices and attitudes and will take you approximately 20 minutes to complete. Simply 1) log into your MAVzone account, 2) select the Student Academics tab, and 3) access the LASSI Inventory in the top-right corner, following the instructions to complete the inventory.

Where can I take the LASSI?

You can take the LASSI:

- Anytime on your Personal PC or Laptop
- At any open computer labs located in: TLC, Library, Residence Halls, and any academic building
- At a reserved location: Houston 210 computer lab, students can take the LASSI on these dates and times:
 - Wednesday, Sept 21st from 10:00-11:30 am
 - Tuesday, Sept 27th from 9:00-10:30 am
 - Thursday, October 6th from 5:00-6:30 pm
 - Wednesday, October 12th from 1:00-2:30 pm

Please complete the LASSI assessment by October 15th. If you have any questions about the LASSI, contact the Advising & Career Center at acc@coloradomesa.edu or 970.248.1177.