

Agenda
Academic Council Meeting
October 19, 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
 - b. Faculty Professional Development Fund
 - c. HLC – course syllabi posting – due October 15; faculty vita coming later
2. Terminal degrees for HLC review of faculty
3. Lumina Foundation's *Degree Qualifications Profile* Workshop – Paul Gaston – January 5 & 6
4. Mandatory evaluations of lecturers (see attached)
5. Financial aid and required student participation in online coursework (Curt Martin)
6. 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
7. 2012 Summer School Opportunities

Upcoming Activities/Due Dates:

October 15 (Friday) – posting of course syllabi for self-study due
October 17 – 21 – Optional 8 week Early Alert System reporting
November 2 – next meeting
December 16 (Friday), 9:30 a.m., University Center Ballroom – Commencement
January 5 – 6 – Workshop on *Degree Qualifications Profile* by Paul Gaston