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

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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