

**LEARNING COUNCIL MINUTES**  
May 27, 2011, 1:00 to 2:45 in the Boardroom

**Present from Learning Council:** Dawn DeWolf, Bob Baldwin, Dennis Gilbert, Phil Martinez, Roma Cusimano, and Lida Herburger  
**Absent:** Tomas Bautista (Student), Ken Murdoff, Don McNair, Sonya Christian, Jim Salt, Helen Garrett, Joe McCully, Nathaniel Robinson (Student), and Mary Brau (Member by position)  
**Guests:** Ben Hill, Craig Taylor, Anne McGrail, Thwing Havens, Sylvia Sandoz, and Ray Peterson.

Item	Notes
Approval of Minutes	There was not quorum to approve the May 13th meeting minutes.
A-Team Workplan Report	Mary Brau presented the Assessment Team 2010-11 Report.
Online Teaching & Learning Research	Ben Hill & Craig Taylor <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project came out of the rolling out of our online/hybrid teaching and also realizing that we could answer some of the questions with data we currently have.</li><li>• Achieving the Dream data comparisons will allow us to compare our data with other colleges.</li><li>• Need the data to address accreditation substantive change regarding online or substantially online degrees.</li></ul>
Accreditation & Core Themes	Mary Brau, Anne McGrail & Craig Taylor <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Core Themes are in response to NWCCU changes in the accreditation standards.</li><li>• Presented and reviewed Mission and Core Themes handout</li><li>• The framing of these Core Themes was an open process.</li><li>• Understand that Learning Council may want to be an active part of the process of developing the Core Themes but it would require more time and a different format for engagement.</li></ul>

Achieving the Dream reporting work	<p>Thwing Havens, Ray Peterson &amp; Sylvia Sandoz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 6 weeks ago selected as an Achieving the Dream school funded by Lunina and Gates foundation. We are in the second wave of schools selected.</li> <li>• It creates a connection between colleges who are actively making changes that enhances student success and completion.</li> <li>• Achieving the Dream set some constraints about how we will report data for the initiative.</li> <li>• Presented the press release by Joan Aschim announcing our selection, overview document, interventions to improve student outcomes. Thwing Havens, Ray Peterson and I are just collecting/recording the outcomes per the Achieving the Dreams project.</li> </ul>
<b>Election of New Chair</b>	<p>Jim Salt was elected as the Chair for the Learning Council for 2011-12. Because Jim is on sabbatical Fall Term 2011, Phil Martinez agreed to act as interim Chair until Jim's return Winter Term.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>This is the last meeting of the year.</b></p>