

**TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES**  
**Tuesday, March 4, 2008, ULIB 106**

**Members Present:** Michelle Zagar (Chair), Michael Beutner, Johanna Boulton, Hank Bray, Michael Broome, Sharon Cruse, Ron Hill, Sherlyn Powell, Amanda Richardson, Rebecca Stephenson, and Mona Oliver.

**Members Absent:** Christian Rubio (excused), Jeff Taylor (excused)

Michelle Zagar, TLRC Chairperson, called this meeting so that the members of the TLRC committee could discuss and plan the upcoming changes of the TLRC as well as the requests of the Provost for the future of the TLRC as proposed in our last meeting held February 14.

It was suggested that the February 14 minutes be amended in the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence, to read as follows:

Another committee member stated that she was placed on the TLRC committee without being asked to participate, but that now, wouldn't it be important to ask whether each individual is willing and able to meet new expectations, such as travel? Mona replied that it has always been considered an honor to be asked to serve on this particular University-level committee because it was seen as an affirmation that your dean and your colleagues regard you as a good teacher. Another suggestion was that we should look at other faculty members not presently serving on the committee, with a view to their being placed on the committee to serve because of the new required responsibilities.

These minutes will be corrected and sent to the Provost. The next discussion was the review of "Our Mission" and "Goals." Michelle had previously emailed the TLRC committee with agenda items, each one was discussed, and they are listed below:

- Approval of the minutes of our last meeting
- How will the committee fit into the Provost's plan?
- Do we need to revise the mission of the TLRC?
- Who will oversee the logistics of the new committee? (One or two people, reduction in their course loads, funds for a part-time director?)
- How will we continue to do all the things the TLRC currently does without Mona????
- How will we identify new pedagogical strategies/use of technology at ULM and elsewhere? (identifying efforts of ULM faculty, attendance at conferences, visitation at other universities)
- How will we establish a "conduit" to the Provost (to send and receive information from the faculty)
- How will we share these new ideas with our colleagues?

Hank Bray suggested some proposed objectives, and they are as follows:

- Seek out best practices and find strategies for implementation on our campus
- Find out what innovative/alternate pedagogies faculty are already using
- Identify champions of innovative teaching that want to travel to conferences and become "gurus" that will present at ULM and help bring innovation
- Move beyond University week presentations to provide help as needed
- Make a formal, semi-annual report to the Provost regarding what is being done and what resources are needed

One suggestion for the TLRC is to rename the TLRC "The Teaching and Learning Center", and to perhaps write two mission statements, one for the center and one for the advisory committee. Then a question was raised as to the dollar availability to run the center as well as the availability for \$'s to the traveling advisory persons. It was decided that two teams should be formed to study and focus on some of the ideas.

A Mission and Goals team was formed and consists of Johanna Boulton, Hank Bray, Michael Broome, Rebecca Stephenson, and Michelle Zagar; a Logistics team was formed and consists of Michael Beutner, Sharon Cruse, Ron Hill, Sherlyn Powell, and Amanda Richardson. Christian Rubio and Jeff Taylor are also on the mission committee even though they were not in attendance that day. They will search outside websites of other schools and get ideas for plans to implement changes. As incentives to faculty for their difficult tasks, one committee member suggested a

bonus for those who could promote attendance to faculty-oriented sessions. Each sub committee will meet as a team before the next general TLRC meeting.

**The next TLRC meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. in ULIB 106.**

In other business, the Scott Endowed Professorship evaluating team, will consist of the following TLRC advisory members:

Michael Beutner-Edu.  
Michael Broome-A&S (Sci)  
Amanda Richardson-H.S.  
Rebecca Stephenson-A&S (Arts)  
Jeff Taylor-Bus.  
Michelle Zagar-Py.

Thank you,  
Betty