

☼ **Advocates for Scholarly Teaching** ☼

RECORD OF MEETING

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Zuhl Library Conference Room

1. Greetings
 - Attendees: Felipe Castillo, Heejung Chun, Joan Crowley (Jody), Meghan Downes, James Kroger, Theresa Leon, Loui Reyes, and Shelly Stovall.
2. Introductions
 - New members were introduced and welcomed: Felipe Castillo (Library Reference and Research Services), Meghan Downes (Economics & International Business), and James Kroger (Psychology).
3. Purpose/History of AST:
 - Shelly provided a brief history of AST's growth and purpose throughout the years. AST's mission and goals are posted on the Assessment website at: <http://assessment.nmsu.edu/committees/ast> . AST has established a strong partnership with The Teaching Academy to help educate faculty campus-wide regarding student learning outcomes.
4. Peer Review Network (PRN)
 - Shelly explained the PRN pilot process administered late in Spring 2013 and shared the survey results. Overall, feedback was very positive. Suggestions to provide sample memos were provided as general comments.
5. Request from University Teaching Council (UTC)
 - Shelly reported Provost Howard recently had a discussion with the UTC and tasked them with aligning courses with learning objectives (rubric) across the board. UTC members Tara Gray and Marlene Salas-Provance deliberated on how this would look. They concluded this effort should parallel the University Research Council (URC). Tara and Marlene contemplated creating a task force, but rather than form a task force, they asked Shelly if this should be a task for the AST committee. Shelly asked members their thoughts about this, but before a decision was made, Shelly distributed copies of the "Vision for the Baccalaureate Experience at NMSU-Las Cruces" rubric. Members were very impressed with the document and this veered the discussion back to PRN. Members suggested incorporating the rubric into this year's PRN project. The UTC request will be revisited at the next meeting. NOTE: After the meeting, James Kroger volunteered to represent AST at UTC meetings.
6. Selection of AST Committee Chair for 2013-14
 - Nominations of Meghan Downes as committee chair were unanimously approved.