

University of Minnesota, Crookston
Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Steering Committee
Minutes: 5 November 2003

Present: Jennifer Wilson (JW), Bill Peterson (BP), Judy Neppel (JN), Bob Nelson (BN), and Dan Svedarsky (DS).

Meeting Minutes of 10 September 2003 – Approved as presented by group consensus **except for the substitution of Wendell Johnson’s name instead of Marilyn Graves as the co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee along with Doug Knowlton.**

Update from Higher Learning Commission – Our liaison is Diane Nyhammer and she will meet with our committee from 9-10 on Friday, 7 November and then with other subcommittee groups at other times during the day. The full schedule is on the *UMC Bulletin*. We need to bring her up to date with progress and get guidance.

JW. On attending some of the subcommittee meetings, my sense is that some folks are making things tougher than they should be as far as assignments. There have been some schedule conflicts and some Centers haven’t always been represented at meetings. Everyone involved in these activities need to update their Outlook calendars and know how to log on to the input system.

JN. Where are we as far as meeting the expectations from the last Self Study as to;
1) distance education, and 2) assessment? These are the 2 key areas.

The list campus members of the Strategic Planning Committee has been developed and the names of other members are still being added. First meeting of that group will be 18 November. The last Strategic Plan was, “**UMC 2002.**”

The group agreed to have all of the subcommittee chairs present at the next HLC Committee for a reporting and “same page” discussion. There seems to be a shortage of tenured faculty on the subcommittees who represent institutional memory. A balance of historical perspective and forward thinker new folks is needed.

Meeting concluded at 4:30.

Dan Svedarsky