NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Higher Learning Commission Steering Committee
April 13, 2012, 1:15 pm, Altgeld Hall 225
Condensed Minutes

Members present: Doris Macdonald (chair), Brianno Coller, Marc Falkoff, William Goldenberg, Mary Elaine Koren, Murali Krishnamurthi, Kristen Myers, Carol Patitu, Elizabeth Towell, Laura Vazquez.

Ex officio present: Virginia Cassidy, Carolinda Douglass, Dan House, Donna Lynn, Jeff Reynolds.

1. Minutes of 9 March 2012 meeting were distributed.

2. Update on Vision/Mission Statement (Macdonald)—The Vision and Mission Task Force met again at the end of March and considered the comments that had come from the Board of Trustees (BoT). The Vision and Mission Statement has been forwarded to the Academic Planning Council and the University Assessment Panel and will go back to the BoT at the 10 May meeting.


4. Invitation for campus participation has been finalized, and all email will go to the email address which has been created: hlc2014@niu.edu.

5. Reports from HLC Convention—Macdonald indicated that conference attendees received a jump drive containing files that may be useful to the committee members and offered to copy the files for those members that were unable to attend the conference. Committee members able to attend conference reported on their experience.

6. Douglass noted that NIU can request someone on the site team be responsible for specific consultation, e.g., general education, strategic planning.

7. Concerns/issues from committees—Macdonald asked committee members to let her know if they are having any issues.

8. Discussion of maintenance and use of Blackboard, including posting information to share with other committees.

9. A proposed meeting schedule for next year was distributed. The final meeting for academic year 2012 will be on May 11th, hopefully earlier in the day. Next year’s plan is to meet on Friday afternoons.

10. Four proposed dates have been submitted to the HLC (one of the proposed dates is in Fall 2013).

11. Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.