

Learning Concerns and Enhancements Committee

Meeting #2 June 4, 2011 N4A National Convention Dallas, TX

1. Maria reviewed meeting #1 and the goals the committee had accomplished since the convention in Salt Lake last year
2. Committee was reminded to complete a survey (or email Mike McCall) to help us determine current state of LS position within our profession and find out the needs of our members
3. Maria opened the meeting for suggestions, requests, goal ideas etc.
 - a. Questions regarding the n4a certification were brought up and committee members expressed desire to see a certification for LS. Additionally, several members felt it was important our committee have a voice in the certification standards.
 - b. LS PDI- Several committee members were disappointed that this year's LS-PDI was cancelled and we realized that not all n4a members received information about deadline for applications or application deadline extension. Pam (University of Washington) said she would communicate that information with the PDI coordinators
 - c. Everyone seems to be having concerns with dealing with online classes- maybe our committee can develop some recommended guidelines/best practices for providing academic support for online classes or classes with online components
 - d. Need for improved communication- forum is not user friendly, listserv is no longer active. Pam suggested using facebook as a means to communicate to the membership. We agreed an open group would be the best idea. Members who run across relevant research articles should post links to the facebook group page.
 - e. Discussion on privacy and use of release forms. Several members shared the process they use to protect student privacy.
 - f. Psychological issues- many members are dealing with wide range of psychological/emotional/dependency issues. It is becoming more of a problem and we need to be better educated about these issues.
4. Maria asked members to consider volunteering to serve as core-committee members and those willing to serve as core members will need to be willing to help the committee chair and chair-elect with all action plan goals.