Academic Governing Council
Decision Form

This form is to be used when the Academic Governing Council makes a decision on an issue. This form is sent to the Provost.

Decision:

The AGC voted to adopt an official College Policy on Prior Learning Assessment where it formerly only had a pilot practice memorialized in an MOU with the Faculty Association.

Rationale:

The HLC Assumed Practices call for colleges to have clear policies related to Prior Learning Assessment. The pilot practice used previously at GRCC had been successful, and no objections were raised to its being expanded to include other subjects, as academic departments deemed appropriate.

Supporting Data:

The prior pilot was based on standards and practices set forth by CAEL, the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning.

Implications for Action:

The MOU with the Faculty Association needed to be updated to reflect that our PLA processes would continue as before, except that they would apply to any academic department wishing to participate in PLA. That revised MOU will now be in effect, and it will be incorporated into the next Faculty Contract.

Evaluation Plan:

The next regular review of the PLA Policy is scheduled for Winter 2015.

Date of Decision by AGC:

March 13, 2012

Response from Provost:

The Provost endorses this decision of the Academic Governing Council.

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