

Teaching / Learning Committee Annual Report October 29, 2010

During 2010 T/LC has continued to pursue items on its implementation plan (available on the AAHSL website) and considered how best to revise and refresh the plan now that numerous tasks have been completed. Committee members met on May 24 during the MLA annual meeting to hear updates from task forces and other efforts, reviewed the implementation plan, reviewed funding, and brainstormed about possible future directions for committee work. From this meeting a follow-up conference call was held on July 26 to focus on: developing informatics competencies for library users based on the MSOP informatics objectives; developing parallel informatics competencies for librarians; fostering improved teaching skills by librarians; and possible partnerships for achieving desired outcomes. Cynthia and Julie communicated with AAHSL officers about the fit of these topics with overall AAHSL goals and the appointment of new and ongoing committee members for the year ahead. On August 9 Cynthia, Julie and Rick held a conference call to affirm T/LC congruence with Board priorities, how to dovetail work with AAMC through possible changes to LCME standards and revision of the MSOP objectives, and the enormity of attempting to create a program to enhance teaching skills.

The committee members also have explored possible collaboration with an informal group looking at assessing teaching competences, a group to which Liz belongs. It is not yet clear how T/LC might best interact with the group and what outcomes would be achieved.

The committee will meet on November 7 during the annual meeting of the AAMC, after which a new chair will take control to guide the revised priorities and work of T/LC for the next few years.

Respectfully submitted,

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