

Minutes
Meeting of Sub-committee on
Standards 10 and 11
April 6, 2006

Attending: Abu-Fadil, Ghosn, Finlay, Khachan, Yunis

The committee convened at 11 a.m. to discuss the description and appraisal sections of the narrative drafts for standards 10 and 11. Initial discussion evolved around the recent meeting of the steering committee and the eligibility team. One item that came out of that meeting was the statement by Barbara Brittingham that NEASC does not require applicant Universities to use outcomes based learning and assessment. However, those that do are expected to organize their programs around these strategies and use the information for annual program assessment. Regardless of whether this is required or not, all agreed that a learning outcomes approach to education was needed at LAU and should be actively pursued. Dr. Ghosn gave the group a short update on the School of Arts and Sciences and Byblos which is well into the process of formulating mission statements for the School and its individual programs. Furthermore, they have begun the process of establishing basic learning objectives for the School and program objectives for the individual programs. Dr. Finlay indicated that the School of Business would begin their process on April 7 by circulating a tentative draft of the School of Business mission statement and hoped to have a finalized version by May 1 at which time they could begin setting their basic learning objectives.

During the following two hours, the members went through the description and appraisal narratives and made a variety of editorial changes. They also agreed to include an additional exhibit drawn from an interview by Manal Yunis with Cedar Monsour and to broaden the discussion of faculty equity by including an exhibit containing the university salary schedule. Finally, Victor Khachan provided the committee with a variety of news releases that were cleared through the Relations Office and which will be included as an exhibit. It was decided that Dr. Finlay would edit the existing narratives to include the changes suggested by the committee and send the revised versions to the entire committee for their final input. Once the final versions are completed, they will be filed until Dr. Elie Badr requests them. It was decided that the committee would have its next meeting when it is directed to begin the projection section of the narratives. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.