Statewide Academic Council Summary ʹ December 2013
Present: Dana Thomas, Susan Henrichs, Helena Wisniewski, Alex Fitts, Karl Kowalski, Elisha
Baker, Robert Boeckmann, David Valentine, Cathy LeCompt, Cecile Lardon, Virgil Fredenberg,
Rick Caulfield

1. Approval of the summary of the 11.21.2013 meeting – Dana Thomas – Approved

2. Collegiate Learning Assessment presentation – Roger Benjamin (via video) – rubric based
assessment of critical thinking. Ensures reliability, validity, and integrity of campus assessments –
needed for increasing accountability. Showed scenarios and rationale. Additional information
for employers to use for selecting candidates for interviews. Encourage students with Pell Grants
to take the CLA with cost paid by foundations; major employers would take part in a virtual
career fair to help these disadvantaged students. Available online so student can take at their
convenience. Do testing at college/school level to determine where curriculum needs revision.
They have recently addressed the distribution – bell shaped curve. CLA+ is reliable at the
individual student level so will likely be used by more departments.