

Assessment Committee Meeting

November 9, 2010

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

MSC Shawkey Dining Room

Meeting called by: Mary Beth Reynolds

Members Present: Ed Bingham, Loukia Dixon, Janet Dozier, Sherri Stepp, Wayne Elmore, Dan Holbrook, Rex McClure, Bill Pierson, David Pittenger, Celene Seymour, Louis Watts, Nicki Locascio, Mary Beth Reynolds

Ex-Officio Members Present: Eryn Roles, Frances Hensley, Sherri Smith, Doug Nichols, Karen Barker (Recording Secretary)

Guests Present: None

Members Absent: Elaine, Baker, Janet Dooley, Patrick Murphy, Sam Securro, Caroline Perkins

Minutes

Agenda item: Approval of Minutes from October 2010 Meeting

Discussion: Minutes were approved as submitted.

Agenda item: CLA Report for Fall 2010 testing – plans for spring 2011

Discussion: Fall 2010 Testing:

Mary Beth reported that the CLA testing for fall is complete with 102 participants. The sample was representative of college enrollment, although there were perhaps a larger percentage of students enrolled in the Honors College in the sample than in the population.

Spring 2011 Testing:

Discussion centered on possible population fields for selection of invitees for the spring administration. Nicki asked if there was a way to add a field for GRE scores for seniors who plan to pursue graduate education. Mary Beth asked about the likelihood that programs would know who was going to graduate during the May, Summer, and December cycles. Some programs have access to that information but others do not.

Agenda item: NSSE plans for spring 2011 testing

Discussion: Mary Beth reported that spring 2011 testing will launch on March 1, with reminders going out on March 8, March 16, April 4, and April 20. Testing closes in June.

Agenda item: E-portfolio Retreat

Discussion: Mary Beth presented information concerning the November 13th E-portfolio retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to assemble recommendations from the Gen Ed Council and the Assessment Committee to create a university policy with regard to E-portfolio assessment and monitoring.

Agenda item: MAP- Works update

Discussion: Mary Beth reported that fall 2010 usage of MAP-Works increased over Fall 2009.

Agenda item: Graduation Survey update

Discussion: Mary Beth reported that the graduation surveys for anticipated December graduates have gone out.

Agenda item: Syllabus Evaluation

Discussion: N/A

Agenda item: Assessment Day Discussion

Discussion: Suggestions for Assessment Day 2011:

- Poster session in MSC for departments to display how they have used their data from previous years
- Using focus groups and discussions with students to identify the “break points” in their educational experience
- Having a series of focus groups with all student grade levels on Assessment Day to identify retention

- issues
- Need to get information for sophomores and juniors. Freshmen and seniors are surveyed more frequently, but we are losing students after their second and third years as well, so we need to know what is going on with them.
- “NSSE – like” survey for sophomores and juniors
- Ask departments to focus on getting info from their sophomores and juniors
- Rex suggested using an assessment instrument similar to the one they currently use in LCOB to assess critical thinking across the university
- Eryn reported that iSkills assessments were being given to FYS students
- Need to better communicate about the feedback loop with entire university community

**Mary Beth requested that the Assessment Committee members ask their constituencies what they would like to see on Assessment Day in terms of structure, activities, and possible university-wide sessions.

Agenda item: Additional Business

Discussion: Mary Beth announced a series of upcoming webinars to learn about several Assessment software programs. She asked members to attend as many as possible to provide feedback concerning which options would be most beneficial for Marshall.

Agenda item: Future Meetings

Discussion: Next meeting will be in the Spring. Karen will request spring teaching schedules and will work to find a common time for everyone.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

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