Assessment Oversight Committee

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 2 January 2006

4:00 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

320 Brigham

Present: (Members) Annie Kinwa-Muzinga (BILSA), Dennis Ciesielski (LAE), Mohan Gill (EMS), Tom LoGuidice (LAE), Julia McDonald (Faculty Senate), Jean Scheppers (APC), Carlos Wiley (Student Services rep), and Qi Yang (EMS)
(Ex Officio) Carol Sue Butts (Provost), Shane Drefcinski (Assessment Coordinator and UCCC rep)

Absent: Lynn Bouck (BILSA), Student Senate rep)

Guest: Rachelle Williams (a student shadowing our meeting)

1. Approve minutes of 12/12/05  OK as distributed

2. Announcements.
   a) Shane had contacted the programs due to submit reports for the AOC meeting on February 27. None have yet been received.

   b) A reminder: Wayne Weber, Esther Ofulue, and Cheryl Banachowski Fuller will give presentations on March 27 on their AAF grants.

3. Review Results of Senior Exit Survey

   This was the first time the survey had been given and there was a 66% response. George Smith will help compile the results as he has done with the NSSE survey.

   Discussion centered around what to do with the data received. The final decision was to give the same survey a second time before changing it. However, the following issues were tossed around:
   a) We should identify the student’s major. Does a particular major have a pre-disposition to answering certain questions?
   b) Should we consider giving the survey to alumni who might better appreciate the value of a liberal arts education?
   c) Do we gain much information about general education requirements from transfer students? If not, could they be excluded from future surveys?

4. Ciesielski AAF Presentation

   Dennis handed out his report, “Incentive Based Basic-Skills Assessment,” and then reviewed the results of the grant for the committee.

5. Academic Majors Assessment Proposal
Carol Sue distributed a proposal from the Academic Affairs Council. The proposal directs every academic program that has a major to annually assess its graduating seniors. The academic program would submit a short report to the department chair who would then bring it to the College Council for discussion. The rational for the proposal was to build an environment or culture of continuing assessment on our campus. The AOC supported the proposal.

6. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 5:25.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 27, 2006
4:00-5:00
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