Minutes  
October 25, 2010  
Assessment Oversight Committee  

Members Present: D. Barraclough, Shane Drefcinski, Tom Hunt, Amanda Tucker,  

Guests: Laura Anderson, Edina Haslauer, Chris Schulenburg, Kory Wein  

I. Approval of Minutes  
Guests and member were introduced; minutes were approved.  

II. Announcements  
Drefcinski announced that he had met with Provost Nimocks to discuss “assessment overkill.” They made the following suggestions: dropping Academic Standards Com. From assessing gen education, keep a six-year rotation for the Assessment Oversight Committee, and still have the senior exit survey. In order to make these changes, Drefcinski will need to go before the Faculty Senate. As regarding Joe Clifton’s suggestions about assessing the majors, we will discuss next time modifying the review cycle for majors that have to do a great deal of departmental assessment for their accrediting bodies.  

III. Foreign Languages (general education)  
Representatives from the Foreign Languages Department (Haslauer, German; Anderson, French; Schulenburg, Spanish) discussed how their programs, especially the first four semester gen ed classes, met the foreign language competencies and the humanities student learning outcomes. All three disciplines mentioned that they have placed greater emphasis on the cultural competency aspect of their courses, through in-class discussions, readings, etc. as well as out-of-class activities for the German, French, and Spanish Clubs, in order to make the courses more meaningful for students. Schulenburg also discussed some possible changes to the Spanish curriculum that would make the program stronger, such as adding an Advanced Grammar class that would serve as a gateway course between the initial language courses and the upper-level courses.  

IV. Adjournment  
Meeting was adjourned at 4:46.  

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Tucker.