Academic Standards Committee

Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2008
4 p.m. 2007 Ullsvik Hall

Attending: Elizabeth Frieders, Philip Sealy, Irfan Ul-Haq, Mary Rose Williams, David Krugler, Kevin Haertzen, David VanBuren, Nancy Turner

Absent: Angela Udelhofen, Shane Drefcinski, Roxane Gunser

Guests: Michael Ira, Julie McDonald, Pam Peters, Dave Boyles, Barb Barnet, Leonida Ljumanovic

Meeting Called to order: 4:04 p.m. Minutes: Krugler moved to approve October 20 minutes. Frieders seconded. Minutes approved.

General Assessment: Math. Boyles handed out a timeline that described the math assessment process as it has been refined over the years. He indicated that assessment questions are continually evaluated. By 2007, they’d gotten the kinks out of it so that the same instrument will be used in 2010, thus providing data that can be compared with some degree of validity.

Krugler asked whether assessment is done from remedial through 1830 classes. Yes. Regarding our incoming classes, is the number of students having to take 6 – 9 credits increasing?

McDonald said this term we had 7 sections math 10, and 20 sections of 15. Instruction costs for Math 10 & 15 come out of S.West Tech’s & Fennimore’s budgets. We offer physical space to teach these classes.

Boyles attested to the value of assessment because it makes folks talk about what they do and makes them think of what they do and how to do it differently.

The committee was satisfied with Math’s assessment tools and report.

Conversation turned to the related topic of entering students who are ill prepared for Math and English. Discussion ensued about the possibility of instituting a pre-gen-ed probationary semester, which would be a bridge to college. The first term at college would consist of remedial courses.

The committee agreed to cancel the Wednesday November 26 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.