

Assessment & Testing Committee Meeting  
Minutes – 10/28/04

Members Present:

- Vicki Atkinson, STU DEV Faculty Orientation Coordinator
- Lin Cui, ESL Program Faculty
- Eric Rosenthal , STU DEV Administrator
- Michele Robinson, Faculty-at-Large
- Karen Froelich, Transfer Program Faculty
- Nancy Rice, Co-Chair, Math Faculty
- Tanya Bergman, Assessment/Testing Coordinator
- Hazel Rilki, IT Administrator
- Matt McLaughlin, Admissions Administrator
- Maria Moten, Co-Chair, Registrar's Office

Member Absent:

- Kate Gianaris, Reading Faculty
- Dawn McKinley, Career Program Faculty
- Kurt Neumann, English Faculty
- Julie Henning, AVPAA

Meeting was called to order at 3:42pm.

Minutes: from 10/14/04 were approved with several minor changes.

Agenda:

I. ESL Changes

A. Effective 10/27/04, question re: English as a second language will not be part of the Harper application. Students will have the choice of seeking counseling and choosing an ESL track. There will no longer be ESL blocks (this is a Dean's council decision, supported by VP's).

B. Concerns about how this will affect enrollment were expressed. Vicki stated that per Daniel Corr, the ESL and LAP areas are prepared for this.

C. Per Tanya, ramifications of this have not yet been fully explored.

D. Per Lin, there has been no written direction from Dean's council or VP's at this point (communicated to ESL). Lin suggests that we receive something in writing before discussing changes to A & T policy.

E. Several members voiced concerns that this change was made abruptly and effective immediately, as it will affect several areas of the College. Members also stated that this contradicts the "Right to succeed" philosophy.

F. Tanya stated that once students are in the ESL track the policies are the same – they must follow the track.

G. Eric voiced concern on how this would affect the SOAP system. Others voiced concerns about impact on add/drop.

H. Lin expressed belief that the majority of ESL-appropriate students will still self-identify as ESL.

I. The committee drafted a statement to be emailed to Marge Skold and Daniel Corr, copied to Joan Kindle, Terry Lindsay, and Colleen Murphy, stating that we have concerns about how this decision will impact students and that it appears to contradict 2004-2005 A & T policy (#7 under Assessment Procedures). Written guidelines regarding this policy and its implementation will also be requested. Concerns about the role of A & T committee with respect to such decisions will be expressed. Nancy Rice will send the e-mail on the committee's behalf.

Meeting was adjourned at: 5pm.

Next meeting: December 9