

**ASSESSMENT AND TESTING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 24, 2005**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Kurt Neumann, English Faculty
Kate Gianaris, Reading Faculty
Julie Hennig, AVPAA

Members are encouraged this year to send representatives in your absence, as we are projecting some significant changes in policy that might affect all areas.

Guests:

Daniel Corr
Chris Poziemski

Meeting was called to order at: 3:12 pm

Minutes: from Feb 10, 2005 were approved with one correction "MGMT" had to be changed to "MGT" on the minutes.

Agenda:

I. ESL REQUEST

- A. We received a document from ESL proposing that we support the following:
"Students who screen into ESL courses cannot enroll in developmental Reading or **developmental** English courses without special approval of an ESL/Linguistics Department Chair".
- B. After much discussion, the committee agreed to the following wording:
"Student who **place** into ESL courses cannot enroll in developmental Reading or developmental English courses without the **approval** of an ESL/Linguistics Department Chair".
- C. Further discussion resulted in a request for the ESL department to create a separate policy sheet. This may be necessary because ESL is so "prescriptive". It could be added as an addendum to the A&T policy sheet. *Lin Cui will take*

this information back to her department for review & determination of a timeline for completion of the task.

- D. It was suggested that we amend item #7 on the A&T policy sheet to read as follows: “Full time and part time students who place at the level of RDG 090, 097 or 099 and/or ENG 098 or ENG 100 and whose 1st language is not English will be referred for further testing and possible placement in ESL courses. **Students who place into ESL courses cannot enroll in developmental Reading or developmental English courses without the approval of an ESL/Linguistics Department chair.**” Consensus was gained on this idea.

II. READING SCORES

NOTE; A&T committee will leave this up to the department so to date without a department representative we will make no recommendation to change any reading scores.

III. ASSESSMENT and TESTING POLICY

- A. Discussion: when should cut scores be effective? Response: Each spring when Laura Crane brings information we’ll look at the information and see how much time the departments need to make decisions. We can then decide if implementation time can be the upcoming summer session, or if not timely, and then move forward accordingly.
- B. Question was raised with regard to waivers and how the committee should address them.
- C. NOTE –Waivers are other ways to get into a college class without taking COMPASS.
- D. It was suggested that we should address as a research item to determine what and where to reassess with regard to waiver practices. *Maria Moten will request from Laura Crane.*
- E. Discussion: Maybe the issue as to whether or not having a reading pre-req for all students (full time and part time) is a Laura Crane research issue.
- F. Chris Poziemski was a guest at the meeting and agreed to take this last discussion item back to the reading department and will update us at the next meeting as to the perceived need.

IV. Misc.

- A. **Jean-Louise** Gustafson will replace Kate Gianaris as the Reading Faculty on this committee.
- B. Math cut scores went from 38 to 43. So students must now have a score of 43 in order to be placed in MTH 060.

Meeting was adjourned at: 4:46 pm

- v. **Meeting Schedule** – will be 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at
3:00 pm in X250 (unless otherwise noted)

March 10, 2005

March 24, 2005

April 14, 2005

April 28, 2005

Respectfully submitted,
Michele’ Robinson, Secretary

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