

ASSESSMENT AND TESTING COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, September 27, 2007

3:00PM

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Members in Attendance:

Joshua Sunderbruch, Karen Froelich, Lynn Altfeld, Sheryl Otto, Matt McLaughlin; Tanya Bergman, Jean-Louise Gustafson, John Smith; Tasnim Kazi, Vicki Atkinson, Michele' Robinson; Sally Griffith; Maria Moten

Members Absent: Sue Bajt

Chairperson: Joshua Sunderbruch

I. Meeting began at 3:08 pm

II. Old Business

- A. **Issues of PARs, CARs, and time concerns:** Josh met with Dr. Skold and the meeting yielded that this committee needs to do more longitudinal work. It was recommended that, for example, cut scores should not be “tweaked” annually.
- B. **A&T Subcommittee proposal:** Josh talked to Joan Kindle and Marge Skold. Regarding the purpose of the A& T committee. The consensus is that this committee is welcome to extend the invitation for them to come to one of our meetings, however it is important to note that there are some *philosophical* differences with the committee and VP's as it relates to testing and placement issues. The question was asked: “Have we gotten hard data on the “pulse” of the institution with regard to issues of the need to test and place?” The answer was ‘not yet’ and several committee members felt it would be important to do this. Josh agreed to volunteer to draft a survey to bring to the next meeting for “fine tuning” by the committee as a whole. It was also suggested that the survey have a coversheet explaining the history of A&T and clearly defining the need for the survey. Vickie agreed to work on this.
- C. **RDG & ENG pre-requisites:** Our policy states that RDG 099 cannot be taken by a student concurrently with ENG 101. This information was not printing out on the *Academic Assessment Summary*. We do now have the opportunity on our scoring report to have this information print out. Tanya has agreed to make this change “visible”. Since there is no change to policy—no further documentation is needed on this matter.
- D. **Assessment vs. Assessment:** The committee had a lengthy discussion about our role in “assessment”. The committee is aware that there may be some new committees formed—dealing with *individual* assessment of students and *general* assessment of students. The committee is also aware that a new HLC “center” or “office” may come in existence to deal specifically with assessment from an outcomes basis. The committee agreed that A&T from the standpoint of testing and placement still needs to exist. The committee also feels that there may be an additional need to request that this committee be considered in the formation

of any new committees that may be formed dealing with issues of pure “assessment”—meaning items not limited to testing and placement.

III. New Business

A. **New positions:** Sue Bajt will serve as the Career Program representative. Pat Widder has volunteered to ser as math faculty representative. Her name has been sent to the oversight committee. Josh will contact the faculty senate and ask them to appoint her.

B. **Waiver for RAC, CT, DMS certificates:** The committee decided this could be a topic at our next meeting. Matt agreed to *facilitate* a discussion on this topic at our next meeting. Furthermore it was suggested by Josh (committee chairperson) that we take turns having constituencies on this committee tackle issues at future meetings in a pre-designated manner.

IV. Review of Minutes

A. Minutes from our 9-13-07 meeting were reviewed and approved for final distribution.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm

Future Meeting Dates:

Oct. 11, 2007

Oct. 25, 2007

Nov. 8, 2007

Dec. 13, 2007

Feb. 14, 2008

Feb., 28, 2008

March 13, 2008

April 10, 2008

April 24, 2008

May 8, 2008

Respectfully submitted: Michele' Robinson, Secretary