

ASSESSMENT AND TESTING COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2007

3:00PM

X250b

Members in Attendance:

Nancy Rice, Joshua Sunderbruch, Jean-Louise Gustafson, Michele' Robinson, Karen Froelich, Lynn Altfeld, Eric Rosenthal, Tasnim Kazi, Matt McLaughlin; Vicki Atkinson; Maria Moten; *Hazel Rilki*

Members Absent:

Dawn McKinley; Tanya Bergman, Daniel Corr; Vickie Gukenberger

Guests: Laura Crane & Joe Baumann

Chairpersons: Nancy Rice & Joshua Sunderbruch

I. Meeting began at 3:10pm

II. Review of Minutes

A. We decided to review the minutes at our meeting on April 26, 2007

III. Guest – Joe Baumann (CCSSE Survey)

- A. Findings indicate that we are just “average” when it comes to review of the data of the Extra Large College cohorts.
- B. Extra large colleges seem to do better on the low end, but not on the high end.
- C. How we can improve student engagement becomes a question.
- D. We are not in “terrible” shape anywhere on the assessment. This 1st report is a ‘baseline’ so we know where to go from here.
- E. From this point on, we want to start implementing practices, or use specific classes or groups as part of the sampling. This will also help with internal comparisons.
- F. Academic Challenge and Support for Learners are both in the 60th percentile.
- G. Please note that this presentation on the CCSSE findings can be done for other committees, division, departments, etc. as needed.

IV. Guest – Laura Crane (COMPASS)

- A. Math has the highest percentage of Other (ACT, counseling, etc.) placements.
- B. MGT has the highest percentage of COMPASS placements.
- C. Correct/Incorrect Placements
 - 1. Let's say you take the ENG 101 placement exam and the test says you will not succeed. You get placed in ENG 101, you do succeed. This would be counted as an **INCORRECT** placement.
 - 2. Let's say you get placed in ENG 101 (same initial circumstances as outlined above) and you fail the course. This is considered a **CORRECT** placement.

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- D. English & Reading are doing well with 'correct placements'.
 - E. Math – 'correct placements' are not consistent, although some movement is being seen.
 - F. Ideally everything would have a *minimum* of 60% 'correct placement'. This is the *desired state*.
 - G. The math cut score decision is due prior to our next meeting on April 26, 2007. This committee is giving support to Karen Froelich, as math chair, to make a decision with the math department and the dean (Sally Griffith) regarding the math cut scores. This committee will support their decision. Final cut score numbers will be included on the A&T year end report.
- V. A.P. request - History**
- A. This is not a "new" request. The goal for the request is to fix an oversight by the Political Science Committee.
 - B. The desired language is: *High school graduates enrolling at Harper College that have received a high school diploma and have passed the A.P. examination in American Government with a grade of 3, 4 or 5 should be awarded college credit in PSC 101.*
 - C. Basically the issue is that there are 2 A.P. courses in history. If a student takes both and does well, they can walk away with 6.0 hours in Political Science.
 - D. For now they can not get the PSC101 credit due to approval issues.
 - E. The request was presented and several questions were asked:
 - 1. Who is checking the diplomas?
 - 2. Where is the A&T checklist for this proposal?
 - 3. We should not make this decision without having a representative from the Assessment and Testing office present.
 - 4. If they take a higher A.P. course, do they get credit for two (2) courses?
 - F. The committee decided that the history department chair (Mike Harkins) needs to complete the A&T checklist for this request and the committee will then review it. (Nancy Rice agreed to let Michael Harkins know about this).
- VI. Old Business**
- A. Committee agreed to "table" these items to the April 26th meeting
 - B. Items include:
 - 1. Reach formal consensus on transfer data analysis
 - 2. Reach formal consensus on A&T Subcommittee proposal

Meeting adjourned at 4:36pm

Remaining meeting dates:

- **April 26, 2007 (X250B)**
- **May 10, 2007 (X250B)**

Respectfully submitted: Michele' Robinson (secretary)