

MINUTES

Learning Outcomes Assessment Advisory Board

February 17, 2005

Dundalk Campus, E-111

Members present: Tara Ebersole, Rose Mince, Cynthia Roberts, Lynne Mason, Ann MacLellan, Donna Links, Gayle Fink, Paulette Comet, Dave Stewart, Cindy Peterka

1. Welcome and review of minutes from December 2, 2004. Minutes approved with minor corrections.
2. Committee Reports:

GREATs: Paulette reported a successful scoring day. Dave Stewart noted that Math faculty have been notified of their upcoming GREATs participation.

Academic Profile: Rose reported that the tests were mailed to ETS and results are due by the end of the Spring 05 semester.

Program Review: Rose met with next year's program review cohort and will be soliciting volunteers to include a Program Outcomes Assessment Project (POAP) prior to its becoming mandatory in the next year's program review process.

Student Services: Cindy Peterka indicated Student Services will implement two LOA projects on all three campuses. The statewide goal is to develop self-directed learners. Projects are built around this goal. Other goals need to be identified.

Information Literacy: Information Literacy proposal to delete "Information Literacy" term from the Information Technology category title will go before General Education Review Board in March. Information literacy will remain an across-the-board Gen. Ed. criteria. May need to add to GREATs rubric as a separate category. Librarians will work closely with faculty to develop this skill.

LOA Projects: Tara provided a handout and updated the group on the status of all current LOA projects. Notably, PSYC 101 received a Closing the Gap grant and will now reassess in Spring 06.

LOA Interventions: The LOA Intervention Committee is working to create a faculty resource page on the web. Response was very good from the CISL fair project. Tara expressed the committee's desire was to have the web page include as much faculty input and examples as possible.

Core Competencies Pilots: Rose reported that all of the faculty volunteers working on a pilot are moving along very well and near completion. Faculty will attend the April meeting to present their project. This project will be piloted again next year. Communications results from will be shared with the English Department.

CCSSE Update: Gayle presented CCSSE results at the CISL Fair. Chancellor McPhail will be at the League conference and be part of Kay McClenney's panel. CCSSE will be repeated again in 3-4 years.

5. Assessment Appreciation Day will be held June 8 from 9-1. The theme will be faculty and their input to all of CCBCs assessment activities.
6. Lynne distributed a handout with ideas for a LOAAB link to be added to the CCBC assessment web page. Members were encouraged to think about and suggest content and links to be added to this page.
7. Cynthia led a discussion on two articles: "Aligning Faculty Activities with Student Behaviors" and "Information Literacy." The first article correlated FSSE/NSSE student engagement data. Both students and faculty reported that students learn best when engaged and when expectations and challenges are high. The second article presented several approaches to how librarians can educate students to filter all of the information they have access to.