

MINUTES

Learning Outcomes Assessment Advisory Board

October 14, 2004

Essex Campus, Room B215

Members present: Cynthia Roberts, Lynne Mason, Cindy Peterka, Rose Mince, Ron Drisko, Tara Ebersole, Paulette Comet, Judy Blum, Betty Lipford, Judy Nagel, Donna Links

1. Welcome and review of the minutes from June 2004. Minutes approved as written.
2. Calendar of meetings for the academic year was reviewed.
3. Membership roster information was passed around for corrections.
4. Rose talked about the Core Competency Assessment Pilot Projects. There are 7 pilot projects covering all the Schools and Divisions. Faculty will come to LOAAB later in the year to discuss their projects and progress.

Valerie Farmer, CINS

Nelda Nix, Sociology

Julie Baugh, Biology

Bill Watson, Music

Patty Ferraris, Para-legal program

Vicki Hong-Smith, ESOL

Judy Blum and Diane Hunter, OTA

These pilot projects are really the first half of a typical LOA.

5. Paulette discussed the GREAT courses for this semester, Interdisciplinary/Emerging Issues courses. All the Info Tech/Info Lit courses and Global, Historical and Cultural courses.
6. Discussion about the re-assessment using the Academic Profile this Fall. It was first used in the Fall of 2001 in Speech 101 classes with a sample size of about 1000. This time we are using it in HIST111, MATH153 and MATH111 and trying to double the sample size. The instrument should be administered anytime after November 1.
7. Judy Nagel discussed the work being done with ASE students and that a counseling component has been added in Reading and now it will be incorporated into Math also.
8. Cindy Peterka discussed the work being done in Student Services related to assessment. They have identified one overarching outcome, "Developing Independent Learners".
9. Cynthia Roberts discussed the work done thus far with Information Literacy and that the tri-campus Task Force is working on a definition to bring to the teaching faculty for

approval. Cynthia solicited ideas from the group on how to get input from the campuses about information literacy and how to increase awareness of this issue. Some suggestions included doing a presentation at the CISL Fair, conducting a survey and going to division meetings.

10. Discussion of the Program Outcome Assessment Projects, POAPs, that are being conducted with 6 program coordinators for CADD, Floral Design, Surveying, Occupational Therapy, Recreation, and Health. These pilot projects are implementing a plan to measure program outcomes using such strategies as co-op, exit exams, portfolios, and capstone courses.

11. AAC&U Article: “Our Students’ Best Work: A Framework for Accountability Worthy of our Mission” presents an action plan for the “Greater Expectations” report and reinforces that students need to be ready for the workforce with lifelong learning skills and that institutions of higher education must be accountable for providing those skills.

12. Announcements:

Rose and Tara presented at NCEW.

Rose, Lynne, and Cynthia presented at the League Summer 04 Learning Summit. Morgan State University is hosting a renowned speaker on assessment (handout provided).

Rose submitted an assessment report to MHEC in June which covered all areas beyond General Education.

Betty Lipford announced that Business is seeking accreditation from ACBSP.