

SOC Meeting Minutes
Oct. 16, 2008, CTL Conference Room, 3:00-4:30 pm

Attending: Derek Borman, Dave Harris, Craig Jacobsen

Intro- Matt Ashcraft, Dean of Research & Planning

Summary of Assessment 2008 Results- handed out updated summary with all analysis completed. Full report is on Matt's desk for final review and should be ready by next meeting.

Closing the Loop- Derek and Matt have begun scheduling meetings w/ departments and planned for FPLC meeting to gather ideas for making results more salient and to promote use through ROC grants. We should also meet with New Faculty Experience. Should consider discussing how the results can be addressed in Dept. Plans.

Talking points for advocating for ROC in dept meetings:

- Do faculty know what our students score well on and what they don't score well on?
- If you do know, what are you doing in your assignments and learning activities to help address the areas where students aren't scoring as well.
- How can we help turn the data into something utilitarian?
- Use a specific concept from Problem Solving assessment instrument to start conversation.
- Develop an interdisciplinary group to look at Problem Solving.
- Offer resources for developing method for research/roc grants.

Rethink schedule of assessment- discussed the need to actually have a rationale for determining which outcomes to assess each year. Consider shifting schedule to fall. Use this spring as a "light" assessment semester to shift the schedule to fall. Need to get a firm commitment from Global Cluster for first draft and final draft in order to commit to pilot.

ROC- covered in closing the loop above.

Technology Literacy- there was a question as to how Tech Lit is covered in workplace skills. Derek asked if there was a large enough of an interested group to form a Tech Lit cluster to develop college wide outcomes and then an instrument. Discussion about how important it is that we get our hands on an instrument that other academic institutions might be using.

Process for reviewing/changing instruments- handout. Reviewed and discussed Proposed Process for Reviewing Instruments for MCC's College-Wide Student Assessment Instrument. Craig suggested an automatic review cycle rather than just wait for a Residential Faculty member to develop a rationale for the need and make a motion in SOC. An annual review to coincide with the implementation cycle was suggested. The suggestion was also made to include feedback from faculty that administer and that score it (for those scored by people) in the review process. Articulate the notion that the committee is open to feedback on the actual instrument as well as the process on the feedback survey.

AW 2009 poster- Dave Harris to follow up with having a Photoshop class develop the poster through a contest.

Future Meeting Dates

11/13; 1/8; 2/12; 3/12; 4/9

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