

SOC Meeting Minutes
Nov. 13, 2008, CTL Conference Room, 3:00-4:30 pm

Online Assessment - The committee discussed different online survey software options. Matt discussed “Hosted Survey” as a dynamic software platform that may be an option. The committee discussed if there was an online version of the current problem solving assessment, and decided to get more information about this. Mark asked if they should form a subcommittee to address getting assessments online.

Tim asked if online students are also taking physical classes.

Matt said it was more of a methods question of what we are trying to measure.

Derek said that no immediate decision was needed and that he’d talk to Shelley again. He asked the committee how strongly they want to get a new test online in the spring.

The committee discussed having one or two instructors use an existing instrument to pilot another online assessment.

SOC Goals - Derek went over the proposed SOC goals and they were approved.

Assessment Week Dates - Assessment Week dates of February 22-28, 2009 were proposed and approved.

Assessment Cycle – The committee discussed rethinking the schedule of assessments and what to assess for 2009. It was suggested to assess problem solving again due to no pre-post difference in 2008.

Tim asked if it would be a problem if students took problem solving last year and got it again. Matt said it wouldn’t be a problem, and that he can run an analysis to make sure of no significant overlap.

Matt said that from an accreditation standpoint, you can take a year off of administering assessments to evaluate them.

Derek gave handout of his presentation to district about the DSSSC report. The handout shows assessment cycles of other colleges. The committee discussed adding assessment revision into MCC’s assessment cycle, especially given the trouble with ROC grants.

Dave asked if assessment week should be in fall or spring semesters. Derek and Matt both replied spring, because of a busy fall schedule for ORP.

Tim suggested that the first time the cycle is modified focus should be on one area, in this case problem solving.

Matt said that he wanted to make sure the focus is on how to do assessment better and not just relieving pressure on ORP.

Tim said that the focus is always assessing again for next spring and doesn't provide time to focus on closing the loop. Externally we are great, he said, but internally what are we doing with results for students.

The committee decided to assess problem solving, the global awareness pilot and an online pilot using hosted survey for Assessment Week 2009.

The committee also decided that discussion of what to assess each year, the process for changing and updating assessments, and other small changes can be handled within SOC with a vote by the committee.

ROC - Derek passed out the ROC poster and brochure.

Assessment Week Poster - Derek passed out several potential Assessment Week posters created by business photoshop students. The committee voted and selected the poster for 2009.

Chair Elect - Derek discussed the need for a new chair elect and asked for any self nominations.

Picture - A picture was taken of the committee and the meeting was adjourned.

Future Meeting Dates

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

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