

SOC Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2009, CTL Conference Room, 3:00-4:30 pm

Meeting Attendance –

Committee discussed low attendance and suggested possibly having the VPAA attending meetings again would promote greater participation from committee members.

ROC Grants –

Derek discussed that three ROC grants were received and that a small Ad Hoc committee would be needed to review the proposals. He said he would email the proposals to those members before meeting to review.

Graduate Student Research Request –

Derek gave out dates that the graduate student could meet with committee members. Tim said he would talk with the students, and Derek said he would send out a reminder email to the committee.

Assessment Week 2009-2010 -

The committee discussed the potential of conducting a faculty survey to determine the efficacy of current student outcomes, and whether the survey could be used as promotional to increase faculty awareness of student assessments (discussed possibly administering survey at convocation). The committee also discussed talking to new faculty thru their CTL program about committee assignments (stress that chair gets reassign time, it's a senate committee with impact, students outcomes assessment at MCC is a nationally award winning and faculty driven program).

There was brief discussion about trying to make assessments focus more on students and college readiness; instead of assessment functioning as a “lip-service to accreditation” and not feeding back to students.

Derek told the committee that next year might be an off year with no assessments, or possibly just one administration of a revised Global Awareness pilot.

These topics were tabled:

- Academic Challenge and Student Effort
- Narrowing the gap between instructor expectations and student effort...without lowering the bar
- Best practices by example

Future Meetings -

This was the last SOC meeting for the 2008-2009 year. The next meeting will be September 2009.