

Assessment Taskforce
August 27, 2007
2:30 p.m.
Building 1 Room 211

Members present were: Becky Cleland, Jeremiah Council, Karen Jones, Brett Parker, Barbara Peterson, John Quinley, Tommy Tucker, and Susan Vaughan.

The following meeting schedule was determined:

Tuesday, September 18 3:15pm Taskforce
Monday, September 24 3:00pm College-wide
Thursday, October 11 3:15pm Taskforce
Monday, October 29 3:00pm College-wide
Monday, November 19 3:00pm College-wide

Brett will explore room locations for these meetings and follow-up with taskforce.

John distributed information regarding the Graduate Portfolio Essay Assignment. The expanded essay will be implemented in World of Work (Business Sciences) this fall, Arts & Sciences will implement in spring 2008 in 200 level literature classes, and Applied Sciences are exploring what classes should require the portfolio essay.

John discussed assessment activities college-wide and presented a list of current practices. There is a need to evaluate assessment practice, integrate some efforts, increase utilization of survey results, etc. A subcommittee may be formed for this purpose. The purpose will be to look for "holes", redundancy, frequency, distribution, use of results, the possibility of an "institutional report card," enrollment trends, demographic studies, etc.

Brett discussed professional development for assessment. John distributed a handout from a presentation conducted at a San Diego conference in July 2007 on assessing learning centeredness. John indicated that the assessment conference was a good learning experience; however, it is not necessarily a first choice given the emphasis on the California system.

John indicated that the NISOD conference in Austin, TX would be a very positive learning experience. The League for Innovations conference is also recommended. Taskforce members were asked to bring conference ideas to our next meeting. Brett will evaluate what our budget will support. Alverno still needs to be considered. It is a very positive learning experience. Brett will inquire about whether or not Alverno offers training related to service areas.

Susan Straw needs updated information regarding competencies and rubrics along with tabs for packaging and sale in the ICC bookstore. John will follow-up with Susan.