

Assessment Taskforce Minutes
April 13, 2006

The Assessment Taskforce met at 2:30pm on Thursday, April 13, 2006 in the Blue Room of the Business Sciences Building. Members present were Nancy Womack, Jo James, Melissa Johnson, Steve Hollifield, Angela Ledford, Erin Riddle, Jeremiah Councill, Melanie Hensley, Tom Tucker, Barbara Peterson, Melissa Quinley, John Quinley, and Carol Richardson.

The following items were discussed:

Old Business:

1. Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

New Business:

1. Dr. Nancy Womack, Chair
 - a. Plans for the Campus-wide meeting May 4, 2006 are as follows:
 - 1) Dr. John Quinley will distribute the latest QEP update
 - 2) Historical and Cultural perspectives survey will be distributed to be completed by faculty
 - 3) Applied Sciences will share their Program Assessment
 - 4) Dr. Brett Parker will present the Outcomes statement for the Historical and Diverse Cultures subcommittee
2. Dr. Nancy Womack reported that she, Dr. Barbara Peterson and Dr. John Quinley presented at the NC State 4th Annual Undergraduate Assessment Symposium on April 6-8, 2006. They also presented at the Library Association meeting here at Isothermal and were well received. Dr. Quinley stated that Randy Swing may be a great speaker to come to Isothermal. He will email Jay Coomes and Kathy Alexander on the Professional Development committee all the information.
3. Dr. Nancy Womack stated there were two openings for the Summer Institute at Alverno titled "Connecting Student Learning Outcomes to Teaching, Assessment, and Curriculum" June 19-23, 2006 for a three or five day experience. See website http://www.alverno.edu/for_educators/week_long.html
Nancy asked for any interested in attending to talk with her.
Melissa Johnson mentioned that there was an Assessment conference in St. Louis that she was interested in attending. Nancy will check on funding.
4. Reports from Assessment subcommittees:
 - a. Student Portfolios-Dr. Barbara Peterson invited all those interested in evaluating her student portfolios to come to the Red Room on April 27. She hopes to have two volunteers to evaluate the English, Math and other sections for the Gen Ed competencies. She will then be presenting an award for the Best Student Portfolio from this class on

Awards day April 28. She also plans to have these students take a standardized test for a comparison study.

- b. Program Assessment-Plan for Sharing Program Assessment Plans/Competencies is as follows: Applied Sciences on May 4 Tues at 2:30pm.
- c. Penelope-Jo James, Chair
 - 1) Artifacts are being submitted. Jo asked that rosters from classes be submitted so these students can be entered into the database.
 - 2) This data will be entered, compiled and shared at the Fall Campus wide meeting 2006.

5. Dr. Nancy Womack announced that Dr. Brett Parker will be assuming the Assessment Vice-Chair position starting Fall 2006 and then will be taking the Assessment Chair position and QEP co-chair position Spring 2007 due to Dr. Nancy Womack's retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

The last Campus wide meeting will be held on May 4 Tuesday 2:30pm in the Foundation Seminar Room B.

Minutes prepared by Carol Richardson, Assessment Taskforce Vice Chair.