

**Assessment Taskforce
Minutes: November 13, 2006**

Transitions

Nancy Womack bid a fond farewell to the taskforce. The taskforce expressed their appreciation of Nancy's efforts. It was announced that Karen Jones will serve as taskforce vice chair next semester. Brett Parker will move from the vice chair position to chair.

Budget

Nancy reported that monies have already been spent to support Karen Jones and the folks going to the World View conference. Another \$6,500 has been reserved for conferences where Brett Parker, John Quinley, and Melissa will attend. Nancy noted that if anyone would like to attend the NC State Undergraduate Assessment conference, they should contact her.

Rubric Review

The group decided that John Quinley should call a meeting of all rubric review chairs to review the changes as a whole. The meeting will take place in January 2007.

The chairs of the rubric review committees that were present provided an update.

Quantitative Skills (Melissa Quinley) – Melissa Quinley distributed the latest copy of the rubric. She noted that changes were not extensive. Two previous subheadings were combined into one and another subheading (graphical and tabular interpretation) was added. It was suggested that the use of quantitative skills subheading be moved to the end of the rubric.

Speaking and Listening Skills (Jeremiah Council) – Jeremiah Council reported that survey results have been used to make revisions to the rubric; however, there were only a few responses. Ad hoc reports leads to the conclusion that the speaking rubric is widely used; however, the extent to which the listening rubric is used is not known.

Information Literacy (Susan Vaughan) – Susan Vaughan distributed the update of the information literacy rubric. Changes were based on survey results and on discussion during committee meetings. The revised rubric shows considerable changes in format and in length. The group expressed support for these changes.

Computer Skills (Jo James) – Jo James reported that there would not be much revision for the computer skills rubric. This rubric is linked fairly well to the CIS110 class.

Problem Solving (Steve Hollifield) – Steve Hollifield reported that small changes were made to the format and wording of the problem solving rubric. The group is now testing these changes. The group decided that there was no need to develop a separate rubric for science and technology.

General Discussion Concerning Rubrics

The group discussed the need to define in more detail what is meant by the points on the 1–4 scoring scale for each rubric. This has already been done in some cases. The chairs will bring this idea back to their committees. Also, the group decided that it is appropriate to conduct a survey in order to provide a baseline of usage across all rubrics. John Quinley will develop such a survey, and he will ask Myra Johnson to send it out from her office.

Culture and History

Nancy Womack reported for chair Brett Parker. The review of the rubric at an Arts and Sciences division meeting led to the suggestion of adding something about health. The group decided the best location might be to include health in the list of areas. It was also reported that this new rubric was tested by several faculty members. The next step is to conduct a curriculum matrix to see how this general education outcome is supported in classes.

Peer and Self Assessment

Chair Jeremiah Council reported that the committee is scheduled to meet again soon. The committee plans to secure a speaker for Fall Convocation in 2007.

Capstone Portfolio

John Quinley has also called a meeting to discuss the various options for the capstone portfolio in Applied Sciences. Barbara Peterson led a discussion on the merits of using the MAPP test from ETS for all or a sample of graduates and ACA115 students. She noted that the budget next year needs to reflect the cost of the MAPP test.

Portfolio Workshops

Barbara Peterson reported that she provided three general and one class-based workshop. All were well attended. She estimated that about 200 student participated.