

Assessment Taskforce
January 23, 2008
2:30 p.m.
Building 15 Lifelong Learning Center Room 230

Members present were: Elizabeth Barrows, Becky Cleland, Jeremiah Council, Jo James, Karen Jones, Terry McEntire, Brett Parker, Barbara Peterson, John Quinley, and Tommy Tucker.

Brett discussed conference possibilities including NISOD (May 2008), NC State Assessment Symposium (April 2008), Alverno (June 2008), and NASPA (June 2008). Karen asked whether or not Student Affairs staff could be supported to present/and or attend a NASPA conference. Brett asked Karen to submit the request along with estimated cost. John noted that NISOD offers a very student centered program, and he recommends this conference. Brett indicated that it would be great to send a team to a conference. Please send proposals to Brett on or before Friday, February 1.

Tommy reported on an assessment conference he attended in Indianapolis, Indiana last fall. Tommy noted that this was a great conference for better understanding the national assessment culture. A particular area of interest was electronic portfolios. There are distinct advantages and disadvantages to this approach. Jo mentioned that Moodle could possibly be used for electronic portfolios. One college was giving students IPODS to store their portfolio data. Also, Tommy indicated that on a national level assessment efforts on many campuses are frustrated by lack of support and resources. Coercive tactics with students in regards to portfolios are not recommended.

The following taskforce and college-wide meeting were scheduled:

Taskforce Meeting Schedule

Monday, February 11- 3:00 pm

Monday, March 3 – 3:00 pm

College-wide Assessment Meetings

Monday, February 18 – 3:00 pm*

Monday, March 17 – 3:00pm*

Monday, April 14 – 3:00pm*

Campus-wide topics were discussed in regards to upcoming meetings. John noted that he can provide information regarding a long range plan, CCSE, etc. Other potential topics are academic dishonesty and writing across the curriculum. Elizabeth Barrows is working on a survey on the topic of academic dishonesty. There was much discussion on the topic of academic dishonesty.

Brett will continue to explore hiring Randy Swing to come to campus.

*Brett will contact Russell Wicker about the availability of The Foundation for college-wide meetings.