

Assessment Taskforce  
April 7, 2008  
Building 15 Lifelong Learning Center Room 230

Members present were: Elisabeth Barrows, Becky Cleland, Karen Jones, Terry McEntire, Brett Parker, Barbara Peterson, Tommy Tucker, and John Quinley.

Brett announced that Elisabeth Barrows will be the assessment liaison for Arts & Sciences. Kelly Dedmon will represent Developmental Education as assessment liaison. More representatives are needed from Applied Sciences, Business Sciences, Con. Ed. & Administrative Services.

Terry McEntire suggested that we should consider meeting in Bldg. 1 since most members have offices in that bldg.

Brett announced that he does not plan to chair the Assessment Taskforce in the next academic year. Brett wants to focus on global education next year but still serve on the Assessment Taskforce. The chairperson needs to be a cheerleader for assessment on campus. There were several suggestions for potential chairs. Brett will explore Kim Gold's interest in serving as chair next year.

The college-wide assessment taskforce meeting will be held on April 21. (This date has now been changed to April 14.) The focus will be on academic dishonesty due to its relevance to writing across the curriculum and information literacy.

Elisabeth passed out a handout detailing how the April 14 meeting will be facilitated. Groups and topics were discussed. Small group discussions leaders will be Tom Tucker, Lori Clovis, Elisabeth Barrows, Jeremiah Council, Kathy Ackerman, and Barbara Peterson.

Easel pads are needed along with easels. The library has one and so does Terry McEntire. Elisabeth will e-mail and try and round up 6 easels and pads. Elisabeth distributed survey results and indicated that she may e-mail results to other interested parties. The results are very lengthy.

CSSSE results will be discussed at an assessment meeting in the fall. Another potential topic is the minority male grant and related activities.

Brett reported that Elisabeth Barrows and Kelly Dedmon are going to NISOD in Austin, Texas in May. Jeremiah will be traveling to Alverno in June in Milwaukee. Lois Scruggs has started the paperwork for these trips.

The assessment taskforce will not meet again after the April 14 college-wide meeting until fall semester.

It was suggested that we should explore professional development related specifically to SACS in the next budget year. This could be beneficial for areas such as the library, administrative services, continuing education, and student affairs who have accountability for SACS requirements. We will want to consider the annual SACS meeting which will be held in December and ERBEC which will have a SACS focus and be held in October.

