

Program Review and Assessment
Wednesday, November 21, 2007
Notes

Present: Lynn Akey, Sue Ellen Bell, Kellian Clink, Michael Fagin, Avra Johnson, Jackie Lewis, Mike Miller, Rick Straka

Guests: Provost Scott Olson, Ernest Boyd, Mark Zuiker, Amy Mukamuri

1. Update on New Model

Lewis informed the committee that the change for the new committee was shared at the FA Executive Committee. It will be discussed at the FA retreat on January 10, 2008.

2. Update from Office of Institutional Planning

Johnson shared the following information:

(a) the position description for the Director of Assessment is now with MNSCU Approval of the position will take at least 5 days

(b) Johnson is reading all the assessment reports and will provide feedback to the departments by January. At this time there are about 50 reports to be reviewed

(c) Johnson shared the 2007 Core Student Outcome Study from MNSCU. It was noted that MSU has yet to identify broad institutional outcomes. At this time the General Education outcomes are used as student outcomes. Johnson suggested that the PRA committee develop the outcomes for MSU. Lewis suggested that the PRA could also work with other committees such as General Education and UCAP to develop the outcomes. Miller suggested that PRA could facilitate the process

(d) Johnson reported on the assessment tools that were researched at the Assessment Conference. Lewis distributed information about the assessment tools including CLA and Weave-Online

3. Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA)

Provost Olson provided an overview of the VSA. Miller distributed copies of the report for members to review. Olson shared that participation in VSA promote accountability and that it would be appropriate if MSU were a founding participant. He would like the committee to provide report to him by the end of March 2008. Provost Olson also suggested inviting Bill Lowe, the new President of Metro State, who participated in the development of VSA, to meet with the committee.

4. Math Placement Policy

Ernest Body and Mark Zuiker shared information about the mathematic placement policy with the committee (MNSCU's Policy 3.3 – Assessment for Course Placement; draft of the associated procedure for implementation, Procedure 3.3.1). The policy will be discussed at the next meeting.