

## Assessment Coordinating Council Minutes

October 2, 2006

**Attendance:** Gail Mericle, Tracy Pellett, Joel Johnson, Ted Johnson, Gabe Afolayan, Pam Weller-Dengel, Anne Blackhurst, John Frey, Rollie Rowe, Rosemary Kinne, Steven Gilbert

### A. Committee Charge/Goals for 06-07

Tracy Pellett discussed the charge and related goals of the committee: "The Council is responsible for institution-wide assessment activities, and steering of the over-all assessment plan for the University." Goals of the committee included: enhancing, monitoring, and refining university assessment initiatives; enhancing university & divisional use of assessment results; and enhancing communication of university assessment information to students, staff, & faculty.

Some discussion ensued as to the overlap of this committee with the Program Review & Assessment sub-meet. Differences were noted (e.g., ACC represented all divisions while PR&A was academic only; PR&A had elected representation while ACC was by appointment/invitation). Further discussion was to take place with FA executive committee (by Steve Gilbert), administration (Avra Johnson), PR&A committee (Steve Gilbert & Tracy Pellett) as to interest or possibility of a different structure for either PR&A and/or ACC.

### B. Update:

1. University Goal Evaluation System: Tracy Pellett provided a brief update as to progress through governance structure (recently presented to President's cabinet). The President's cabinet suggested that baseline data for all goals be collected prior to full implementation of an evaluation system. Help in collecting that baseline data was requested.
2. Noel Levitz 2006 results: Data was presented as to satisfaction **and** the importance of campus issues to Minnesota State University, Mankato students in the spring, 2006. Over 700 students rated 89 items in the inventory by the importance of specific expectations as well as their satisfaction with how well those expectations were being met. Institutional strengths included academic advising; instructional effectiveness; and campus support services while challenges included safety & security; recruitment & financial aid, and registration effectiveness.

### C. Schedule of Assessment Activities for 06-07: The following institutional assessments were reviewed as far as 2007-2007 administration.

1. Priority Survey for Online Learners
2. National Survey for Student Engagement
3. Faculty Survey for Student Engagement
4. College Student Expectations Survey (Summer 07)
5. Graduate Follow-up Study

#### D. Assessment Newsletter

Divisional Stories – those in attendance were asked to develop a divisional story that could be used for the fall assessment newsletter.

#### 06-07 Meeting Schedule:

November 6, 2006 – CSU 256

December 4, 2006 – CSU 244

January 16, 2007 – CSU256

February 5, 2007 – CSU256

March 5, 2006 – CSU256

April 2, 2006 – CSU256

May 7, 2006 – CSU256