

Assessment Coordinating Council
Tuesday, February 14, 2006
2:00 p.m.
CSU 256 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Tracy Pellett, Ted Johnson, John Frey, Avra Johnson, Rollie Rowe, Don Descy, Rosemary Kinne, Lynn Akey, Fernando Delgado, Kristen Wenzel

1. Updates:

A. HLC Visit: debriefing and discussion was led by Dr. Delgado as to HLC team member comments about assessment. Impression was that assessment processes at MSU were generally viewed positively, although a need existed to better align planning & budget processes with each other and with assessment. Dr. Pellett brought up issue of incongruence of sub-meet committee structure (Planning & Budget being separate sub-meets while assessment was lacking an institutional level sub meet). Dr. Johnson described discussions that were happening at the Academic Affairs level (Program & Review & Assessment Sub-meet) as to the possibility of merging the Assessment Coordinating Council with the Academic Affairs Program Review & Assessment Sub-meet group. Some discussion ensued as to the pros (more consistent structure) and cons (loss of program review focus for academic affairs, etc.), although greater discussion and examination of implications would be needed prior to any decision-making.

B. University Goal Evaluation System: A revised copy of the "Evaluation System for MSU Institutional Goals" was provided for committee members. Dr. Pellett announced that the system was presented to the Academic Affairs Program Review & Assessment Sub-meet and was endorsed at their most recent meeting (February 13, 2006). The system will be presented for consideration and feedback to various other committees and entities (Planning & Budget; Academic Affairs Council; Student Affairs Council) The most updated text version of the system can be found at: <http://www.mnsu.edu/acadaf/pra/plan/>

2. Assessment Newsletter (spring): Dr. Pellett solicited requests for the Spring newsletter. Some suggestions for story ideas included "assessing teaching assistants; health and wellness survey; professional development day; excellence in facilities management awards; HLC visit - what now?" News stories and ideas should be directed to Dr. Pellett directly within the next month.

3. Noel-Levitz Satisfaction Survey (Added Questions): Items were discussed as to their usefulness or relevancy. Changes/deletions or additions should be sent to Dr. Pellett by Friday, February 24.