

## Student Affairs Assessment Council

### Minutes

May 15, 2007

#### Attendance:

Name	Department	Favorite Lunch Place
Tina Clawson	Recreational Sports	Tarn Tip
Linda Reid	SHS	Soup Shop
Ann Robinson	Student Media	Bombs Away
Pat Ketcham	SHS	
Gina Shellhammer	Academic Programs	I like all of the above
Jodi Nelson	VPSA	
Rebecca Sanderson	SA Research & Evaluation	American Dream/Tarn Tip

#### Web assessment plan site?

The group reviewed the assessment web site that has been developed by BSG to see how it might work or not for Student Affairs. This was a project that began 4 or more years ago and was finished sometime this year. In an effort to “close the loop” for us on this project, we needed to decide if this is a software that would now work for us.

Some history for those who are relatively new to the Assessment Council: We had been searching for a web software that we could use to keep track of and create assessment plans, etc. that had a good reporting functionality as well as many other things to make documentation easier. At the same time Academic Affairs and Institutional Research Offices were involved in working with BSG on IRIIS (another software) and had tied onto that project the development of an assessment software. For many reasons the project stalled but did get fairly completed and is useable now.

After looking at the software and hearing from Jodi, Eric, and Beth, (via notes and a PowerPoint critique of the software), the group still endorsed the notion of a software package that would make documentation and reporting of assessment plans, etc. more accessible and easier to compile, report, etc. However, the BSG software is not that software. So, the group determined that right now the BSG software is not intuitive and is clunky and hard to use—and thus, would be an obstacle rather than a help. The group still thought they'd like to pursue some other product that would need to be purchased and likely would be less expensive than getting BSG to fix the current product as well as make it more functional.

Rebecca said that she is going to an assessment conference in June and would see what kinds of products are out there now. Gina indicated that Blackboard is beginning to move in that direction and is taking over TracDat which was a program that we had looked at several years ago.

#### Next Year's meeting day??

The group that was there wanted to stick with Wednesday times for meetings again next year as it seems to be on everyone's calendar and has worked well. Rebecca brought up Barbara Cormack's not being able to come because of staff meeting. The group wondered if her staff meeting could be changed? Rebecca will pursue this with FA.

**Next Meeting: June 13, 2007 MU Council Room, 9-10:30am**