

Student Affairs Assessment Council

Minutes

February 8, 2012

Attendance: Rebecca Sanderson, Maureen Cochran, Kami Hammerschmith, Carolyn Killefer, Doug Severs, Jo Alexander, Tom Watts, Michele Ribeiro, Ruth Sterner, Marcey Bamba, Jodi Nelson & Pat Ketcham

At the meeting we forgot to introduce our newest Assessment Council member, Marcey Bamba from Counseling & Psychological services. Welcome, Marcey!!

Notes about Student Voice & Compliance Assist

- *Student Voice* records a blank response when the survey is opened on the iTouch (even if it wasn't completed). This will have an impact on summary data. Here's what to do about it:
 - Download the data and look for non-responses
 - Ask the people at Student Voice to remove those responses
- In *Compliance Assist* when entering departmental assessment plans and reports, please only "relate" the outcomes to 1 goal even if they technically relate to various goals.
 - The "relate" function basically only matters when using the Reporting feature in CA! When an outcome is related to several goals it will print several times, lengthening the printed report.
 - Instead, just mention within the outcome that it relates to several goals.

Departmental Highlights Discussion

- Rebecca will be requesting that departments define the scope & efficiency metrics that they plan to submit in June by the end of the winter term.
- The learning outcome metrics can come from the data that the department collects as a part of their annual assessments.
- Not all departmental highlights will fit into the categories as defined; that's ok.

New Leadership Alliance-Teagle Scholar Workshop

- Committing to Quality; an attempt to define the profession of Higher Education. There are currently no guiding principles for Higher Education as a whole.
 - Coming out of pressure from the government and others to prove our worth; consumer accountability
- There are many associations affiliated with Higher Education but not one which speaks about the field as a whole.
 - This idea is being presented to many of those existing organizations in an effort to create buy-in.
 - Trying to start a national movement to **define the profession** of Higher Education

- We are taking charge of our own fate in terms of using assessment for accountability
- So far there have been no specifications as to what types of data will be requested; just that there has been a focus on student learning

NASPA Assessment & Persistence Conference

- June 7-9 in Tampa, Florida
- Kent has presented at this conference in the past and has been contacted, as a result, by people who are interested in learning more about how we do assessment at OSU.
- There is some funding available if anyone would be interested in presenting at this conference. *All experience levels are welcome!*
- Notify Rebecca by the end of February if you're interested or if you have any ideas for presentations

Summer Assessment Retreat

- June 21, 2012, location and times to be determined
- Marilee will be coming, what ideas do people have for how she could spend her time?
 - What is she currently working on?
 - Share best practices from her experience
 - Shared outcome suggestions looking across departments
 - Meet with Strategic Initiative group 6
 - Read some of her work; book or journal articles, discuss
 - What is our next big step?
 - Speak to the SALT group

Next Meetings:

February 22, 2012
 MU Council Rm
 9-10:30

March 7, 2012
 MU Council Rm
 9-10:30