

**Oregon State University
Student Affairs Assessment Council**

**Minutes
July 22, 2009**

Attendance: Kent Sumner, Kerry Evans, Beth Dyer, Gustavo Martinez-Padilla, Kami Hammerschmith, Jodi Nelson, Rebecca Sanderson

OSU Perspective

The summer edition of OSU Perspective was distributed. This issue was written, researched and developed by Angi Baxter. It is on ePortfolios and is meant to help update student affairs and others on the best practices on ePortfolios as a new technology that is being used to show student learning. Copies can be requested from Rebecca or Angi. Jodi will soon post on the web site as well. Rebecca will get it posted on ScholarsArchive in the Library as well.

Results of Diversity, Multiculturalism, and Inclusivity Survey

Rebecca briefly talked about the results of the survey and some interesting findings. For those of you who would like a copy of the results, please go to the following web address. The report can be downloaded from there and is about 27 pages long. It provides some insights into how some of our student think about and know about diversity on the campus. The web address is:

<http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/jspui/handle/1957/11979>

In relation to this, the report is posted on the ScholarsArchive of the OSU Library. This link will take you right to the report. Take a look at the site as it is one that can be useful for archiving and making accessible to the world your reports, brochures, etc. –things that you might want to maintain for historical purposes, etc. You can see what I have posted. It is very easy and you can create a sub-community under Student Affairs like Rebecca has done.

Goals for the Student Affairs Division

During the SALT retreat a week ago, the leadership developed 4 goals for the division. They are in the process of being worked on for wording, etc. but the overall ideas, etc. are developed. Gustavo is on the group that is working on the goals to get them into shape to release to the division. When they are available, Rebecca will post on Student Voice.

This may prompt us to want to look at our learning areas and see to what degree they align with the Division goals. It may also prompt us to revise these learning areas in light of the goals.

Presenting a Webinar for Student Voice

Rebecca has been asked by Student Voice if our team would like to present a webinar on getting started in assessment. It doesn't have to be done by Rebecca so if there are folks who would like to do this, please let Rebecca know. The workshop slides we did at NASPA could be used/adapted, etc. if a few folks wanted to do it.

Retreat Wrap-Up and Reflection and SALT Meeting Notes

The group discussed the Retreat and also the SALT meeting in thinking about how we might want to proceed. First, not all members had a chance to read through the SALT information, so council members are asked to do that before the next meeting in August. Generally however folks thought the SALT meeting was a success and that the forward movement by SALT in developing Division goals was a good thing.

Several ideas arose as the discussion continued:

- Are there themes between what we are thinking and talked about in the retreat and what we heard at the SALT meeting? Is this a place to explore further?
- What do we mean by cultural competency and what does that mean in terms of our work?
- Are there things that we need to make sure we stay connected to SALT about? Do we need to plan on another joint kind of conversation?
- Do we need to think about how to bring the division along in thinking of themselves as educators? One of the comments or so from the SALT groups indicated that they did not think of themselves as educators. Thus, this could be an issue in thinking about student learning and learning outcomes.
- Potential other white paper on development of assessment from departmental perspectives??

Rebecca requested that we review the Retreat notes and the SALT notes and see if we see themes or areas that we want to make sure we attend to in some way.

Next Meeting

**August 12, 2009
9-10:30am
MU Council Room**