

**OSU Student Affairs Assessment Council
Minutes
March 9, 2011**

Attendance: Gus Martinez-Padilla, Anne Lapour, Linda Reid, Pat Ketcham, Jodi Nelson, Laurie Bridges, Melissa Yamamoto, Eric Dunker, Tina Clawson, Kami Hammerschmith, Ann Robinson, Michele Ribeiro, Rebecca Sanderson, Josh Norris

Welcome and Introductions and Announcements

This is probably Anne Lapour's last assessment council meeting. We wish her and her growing family the very best. And, invite her back whenever she feels like she needs some good humor from her assessment colleagues in student t affairs.

Josh Norris, RecSports: Josh presented the new software that they are beginning to use in RecSports for the Adventure Leadership Institute. The software allows Josh and others who are the supervisors/teachers in the program to lay out the curriculum, requirements, etc. and then have students monitor their progress in the program. Further it provides a space for students to document their learning and reflection on their learning.

The model that RecSports uses has three components:

- Coursework: classes for credit, training session (not for credit)
- Experiences: actual hands on experiences that can be documented in the software system
- Reflection: written reflection on the experiences, their learning, where they need to improve, what their strengths were in the experiences, etc.

The software is very flexible and council members were able to see several areas in which this could be beneficial in helping students to document and assess their learning as well as providing a set of data to use for assessment overall.

Josh said that he was willing to talk to any unit and to show the software and how RecSports is using it. He also emphasized that it was very important to think through the curriculum, outcomes, etc. prior to using the software. When RecSports approached the software developers, they had an entire notebook about what sort of functionality, etc. they needed and also what they wanted to be able to track on the back-end for their assessment purposes.

Cost for RecSports was an annual license of \$3000.

The Council talked briefly about other sorts of curriculum that could use this and how it might be something to consider as we continue to talk about the diversity education initiative for the division.

Provosts Council/Presidents Council: Rebecca will be presenting to the PC/PC and has been asked to talk about the assessment work in student affairs. She asked the council what message they wanted her to convey about their work.

Ideas included: "more money," overview of annual reporting, documenting the co-curriculum learning, cultural competency work, that we have a structure, system, language, long-standing

and active assessment council, we want to partner with academic side in curricular/experiential areas, that we are very into “data-driven decision-making,” and that we like cake in June!

Next meeting:
March 30, 2011
MU Council Room
9-10:30

Ann and Kami will be presenting how they have developed their assessment work over time and what made a difference for them in this work