

**OSU Student Affairs Assessment Council  
Agenda  
October 21, 2009**

**Attendance:** Rick Debellis, Nancy Laurence, Gustavo Martinez-Padilla, Kim Scatton, Melissa Yamamoto, Kent Sumner, Ann Robinson, Kami Hammerschmith, Kerry Evans, Michele Ribeiro, Eric Hansen, Tina Clawson, Rebecca Sanderson

Welcome Nancy Laurence to the Student Affairs Assessment Council. Nancy is located in the Office of the Registrar.

**Assessment Plan/Report Reviews**

Assessment plans are still coming in and expected to come in through the fall term. People are working on the reports/plans. Reviews are occurring as plans/reports become available.

**Assessment Calendar**

Request that folks use the calendar in order to stay abreast of our survey use and to facilitate collaboration.

**iTouches**

Angi and Rebecca have a dilemma and need some Council input and thinking. We have now 30 iTouches for use by units in Student Affairs. We have had two requests for long term use which complicates other requests when all 30 are needed. How should we manage this sort of thing?

The council had several suggestions for guiding the use of iTouches and the competing demands.

1. Long term use should be allowed and we should also make sure that those who need all of the iTouches can have access as needed.
2. Reserve 2-3 for long term checkout this year. If the people who have them long term can release them for specific projects then they should do that.
3. For this year we will see how this works since many departments contributed to the total pool of iTouches. For those units who know that they will want unrestricted long term use in the coming years then we would expect them to purchase iTouches for that long term use and not include them in the division pool of iTouches that are shared.

**Tina Clawson**

Shawn Rowe- Free Choice Learning- What do we want to know?

We have invited Shawn to come to a council meeting on December 2 to talk with us about Free Choice Learning. Tina asked what we would like to hear from him. She collected our comments and will communicate with him prior to his joining us.

**International Council**

Rebecca relayed that there is an international council that likely will be looking at elevating the conversations about multicultural training to the university level. That committee may also be looking at materials/curriculum to ascertain what the common and preferred elements of training are being used at OSU. In essence the work that we are doing may become part of a larger conversation. This should not deter us but just to be aware that we may be part of something larger.

**Accumulation of Materials**—how to begin to use them

The group discussed what our next steps should be and there were many different ideas expressed. While we still want to collect materials that are being used in student affairs for multicultural trainings, we also want to keep in mind the goals and outcomes that we want to get to.

In order to better inform ourselves, it was suggested that we include a larger group of people in our conversation and invite them to our meetings to help us understand the multicultural training landscape. The group decided that there were four or five questions that we would want each of the guests to address in talking with us:

- What are the key elements to multicultural effectiveness/fluency training?
- Do you have methods for training in those areas and what are the key elements of those methods?
- How do you know if someone has become multicultural effective or fluent? Or that your training moved people along a continuum?
- What would a multiculturally effective/fluent OSU graduate look like?
- What should be reading? Or watching (e.g., videos)?

The council suggested the following groups to invite to our meetings to address the questions above.

Community and Diversity  
Ethnic Studies  
Philosophy  
Women's Studies  
Team Lib  
Disability Access Services  
Intercultural Student Services  
NCBI  
Anthropology

Rebecca will begin to put together a list and begin to schedule folks for our meetings over the course of fall and winter term.

Rebecca will also begin to send out some articles that folks might be interested in reading that speaks to multicultural curriculum development.

**Next Meeting:  
November 4, 2009  
9-10:30  
MU Council Room**