

**Oregon State University  
Student Affairs Assessment Council**

**Minutes  
October 22, 2003**

**Attendance:** Kent, Katie, Kami, Beth, Jo, Rebecca

**Discussion: (continued from previous meeting)**

**What do we want from Marilee Bresciani visit? What are our questions/concerns that she can help us with?**

The following are questions/issues that council members brainstormed in terms of the types of things they are interested in getting from her visit.

- Broad planning in the first meeting
- How to develop methods—taking objectives to implementation stage
- How to develop well-done outcomes
- How to measure intangibles
- Now that we have data what do we do? How to share it—who to share it with—what to do with it?
- Better ways to bridge academic affairs and student affairs with assessment—should we continue to be separate?
- Suggestions for developing a culture of assessment in Student Affairs and at the university
- Diversity of information that we are trying to get together—how do we as a group work together and be effective?
- How to do direct measure of learning in Student Affairs programs?
- Could she provide us with citations for further reading?
- Maybe she could look at this list and prioritize what she sees as most important for us right now?

**Other Details of Marilee's visit:**

Rebecca will be taking Marilee to breakfast on Nov 12 and 13—probably Sam's Station on Nov 12 and Pangea on Nov 13. Folks are welcome to come—time not set but probably about 7:00am for both. Also, at Kent's suggestion, Rebecca reserved Pangea's back room for lunch Nov 12 in case anyone in Assessment Council wants to join for lunch on that date.

**Assessment Plans: Review by SA Assessment Council**

All departments have submitted plans and they have been mailed to Marilee. Talked about how we might use the plans and Marilee's feedback on them to guide further educational efforts for departments. Plan is to convene after Marilee's visit and to look at her feedback for departments and to see if there are themes that suggest further educational efforts.

Providing feedback to departments on their assessment plans and practices is part of the charge for the Assessment Council as we further develop the assessment practices of SA departments.

Current assessment plans are available to the assessment council for review and further learning as they are fertile ground for our own learning and development and provide ideas that might be useful for other departments.

Some discussion occurred regarding what folks learned and gained by going through the process of developing a plan and writing it down. Different strategies for completing the task were discussed as well as some discussion about where some departments were in the process and where some of the learning has occurred. Generally people felt like it helped them to be more focused and to see where they needed to devote some energy and where they might be doing very well.

### **Review of YFCY Survey and Discussion about NSSE, YFCY and Climate Survey**

The group discussed the job of reviewing the YFCY survey report which is quite long. It was decided that folks could divide it into sections and review it in whatever way seemed feasible. Rebecca just asked that several people look at it and provide feedback as they would see it from different eyes and would find things of importance that she might not see. It is planned to devote a meeting to the review of the document in early November.

The group also discussed the YFCY and NSSE and what they measured, who was sampled, etc. Rebecca also reported that there may be a large campus climate survey that occurs this January. If that happens then there would be the YFCY, NSSE, and climate survey which might be a little taxing as they would tend to be sampling some of the same people repeatedly. It was decided by the Council that we should delay doing the YFCY survey until next year and get it on a cycle that alternates with NSSE.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Cancel Oct. 29 meeting.** The next meeting will be Nov. 5 in Hawley Conference Room—9:00-10:30am.

### **Add a meeting:**

The group decided to add a meeting the week following Marilee's visit. So, we will meet to debrief her visit and to share perceptions and feedback that folks received about assessment plans. That meeting will be **November 19 from 9-10:30 in the Hawley conference room**