Oregon State University  
Student Affairs Assessment Council  

Minutes  
May 12, 2004

Attendance: Edie Blakley, Katie Wilson, Kent Sumner, Beth Dyer, Eric Hansen, Pat Ketcham, Janet Nishihara, Rick DeBellis, Rebecca Sanderson

Announcements and Sharing

Eric Hansen brought a graphic (poster size) to show folks in terms of how he is thinking about working with outcomes. It is based upon some of his learning from Ruth Steihl in one of his classes. For those who are interested in learning more about the graphic and how Eric is using it, please contact him.

Rebecca announced that she is working with the OSU Library to catalog our research reports so that they are search-able from the OSU Library catalog. This will entail developing a standard naming convention (a standard format for how we name the reports). This would be available for any units in Student Affairs as they begin to generate these reports from their own data. More later.

Eric and Rebecca reported on their meeting with the Accreditation visitor, Pat Miltenberger. As Eric said, “She was sharp!”

Rebecca asked how the group would like to receive the feedback on their assessment plans—individual meetings, campus mail, etc. The group decided campus mail since they know where to find Rebecca!!

What next?

If the Assessment Council wants to bring in a nationally known speaker on assessment, we needed to make that decision soon as calendars for these folks fill-up quickly. The group discussed possible people to bring in and also the idea of holding a symposium with break-out sessions and chances for Assessment Council members and others to present on their areas of expertise regarding assessment.

At the next meeting on May 19, members were asked to come to the meeting with some ideas of who to invite to be here for a keynote and then perhaps a plenary session or two. Also in order to make sure that we get what we need for training and that we provide what we would like other student affairs folks to get, we need to think about topics and experiences that would be valuable. The initial thinking is that we open this to the entire OSU community in order to further the assessment agenda at OSU.

Other names of local people who might be interested in presenting included: Ruth Steihl, Janine Trempy. Peggy Maki was also suggested as a keynote person. Think about if there is anyone else we would want to bring in and how we might want to divide up the responsibilities.

Next Meeting
May 19, 9-10am MU 213—see you there!