

**Student Affairs Assessment Council  
Minutes  
April 30, 2008**

**Attendance:** Michele Riberio, Pat Ketcham, Linda Reid, Melissa Yamamoto, Kami Hammerschmith, Ann Robinson, Tina Clawson, Beth Dyer, Kent Sumner, Eric Hansen, Barb Cormack, Claire Bennett, Rebecca Sanderson

**Assessment Activity Template:**

Due June 2 to Eric Hansen

If you have questions, please direct them to Eric. The template has been sent to the Assessment Council email list.

**Learning Outside the Classroom Study**

Rebecca presented to the Council some of the primary findings regarding leadership results from the recent Learning Outside the Classroom Study. Major findings included:

- High impact experiences for leadership, citizenship, and understanding, acceptance and appreciation for cultural differences:
  - Involve mentoring, advising, and counseling
  - Alternative break or break away programs
  - Volunteer/community service programs
  - Study abroad
- Some findings that National Student Exchange can have that effect also
- OSU student participation in the high impact experiences is relatively small but rated by students to have tremendous impact on their development in several key areas:
  - Engagement
  - Leadership development
  - Citizenship
  - Understanding, acceptance, and appreciation for cultural differences
- **Questions and Challenges**
- How to develop programs that can simulate the high impact programs and that have broad appeal and access?
- Are there ways to implement programs that contain some of the high impact elements of study abroad more locally?
- How to increase participation in high impact learning experiences (e.g., study abroad, break away, mentoring, etc.) AND/OR increase the impact of the experiences that are broadly accessible (e.g, courses on diversity/multiculturalism, cultural festivals, etc.)

Agenda's for Next Two Meetings:

**May 14, 2008 in the MU Council Room from 9:00-10:30**—Using Maps in Assessment Planning (Rebecca)

**May 28, 2008 in MU Council Room from 9:00-10:30**—Presentation of MAPWORKS-- Potential New Software for First Year Student Early Alert (Eric).