

**Student Affairs Assessment Council**  
**Agenda**  
**October 17, 2007**

**Attendance:** Melissa Yamamoto, Marleigh Luster, Eric Hansen, Rick DeBellis, Bob Kerr, Gina Shellhammer, Barb Cormack, Kent Sumner, Edie Blakley, Allison Davis-White Eyes, Beth Dyer, Tina Clawson, Rebecca Sanderson

**SAAC—SALT Communication**

Rebecca provided a brief presentation of the results of the culture of assessment in student affairs survey. She also provided hard copies of the report to anyone wanting this information. The group discussed the report and presentation and came up with some areas that they believe are important in furthering the work:

- Important for department heads to support more people being involved in assessment so that it is not a one person thing
- More energetic effort by SALT to engage whole department in data-based decision-making
- Answering the question, what data are we using as a basis for making a decision about something
- Asking staff what the educational intent is of programs and services

Most thought that the report was good and hopeful in terms of the closeness with which SAAC and SALT view the progress.

**Draft Charge/Updated as Mission and Goals**

Edie reported that she hoped her group could have something back to the Council before the next meeting but for sure for the first November meeting.

**Orientation**

Eric reported that he was having some difficulty getting the process going and indicated that he would try to get his group together to complete the report to the group.

**Technology**

Rebecca asked the group whether we wanted to focus this year on upgrading technical assistance with plans, data, etc. (e.g., StudentVoice?) There has been some energy around this but then it fades. Are we ready to pursue this and see if we can find a product that provides us with what we need and that will work with us around additions, etc.

After much discussion, the group did decide that this was needed and that we needed to move forward with this project and see what is out there now. The Council had looked several years ago but technology has changed and there are more products in the market.

The group talked about StudentVoice and wanted some additional details which Rebecca was going to pursue with Kim Vanderlinden from Student Voice. Also, several members indicated that they would go onto the website to see what they thought of the proposed software and whether being a beta site would be good for us.

**Announcement**

**Eduventures Research Group**—position still available—questions, contact Rebecca

**Next Meeting: October 31, 2007, President's Conference Room--Kerr, 9-10:30**

Tentative Agenda Items for Meeting with Larry

- Tell him about mission/goals
- Now being asked to present at national conferences
- From the initial charge does he think we are going in the right direction or are there things we need to be looking at for the future?
- Student voice—survey part and assessment plan documentation part