

## **Assessment and Evaluation SubMeet Notes**

### **Wednesday Oct 20, 2010 - 3:000-5:00pm**

**Present:** Jennie Cashin, Kirsti Cole, Ted Johnson, Kellian Clink, Caryn Lindsay, Lynn Akey, Rick Straka, Sue Ellen Bell, Kathy Dale, Jim Wilde, Jean Harr, Andi Lassiter

#### **Student Learning Outcomes Update and report from subgroup**

Dates for campus-wide review of SLOs set for November 2 and 3. We discussed language for email, and discussed nature of questions to be asked. The subcommittee did a wonderful job on organizing and disseminating the SLOs to the campus community for feedback. Discussed that these SLOs will serve multiple purposes including both for VSA participation and for broader campus-wide assessment culture.

#### **Presentation on VSA**

Lynn Akey presented information on VSA for the whole group, since many are not as familiar with it. The university has to report on SLOs as a part of VSA as of 2012. Discussed ETS and its relationship to VSA

#### **Review of ETS Proficiency Profile and report from subgroup**

We are working to plan for administration of ETS next academic year. For now these results will provide summative level data. We discussed that we see this tool first being used as a PR tool, and eventually we hope to use it for continual improvement. Discussed whether to use short form or long form. The submeet unanimously supported the short form for now, and decided to take it to the faculty association for support of use of abbreviated version.

#### **General Education Assessment**

GenEd has established an ad hoc committee to review assessment of GenEd curriculum. This ad hoc group will likely need representation from our submeet. Likely will be future agenda items on this topic

#### **HLC Pathways and preparing for next round of accreditation**

Lynn Akey described for us how HLC is changing accreditation from PEAK to Pathways. For us, this means we will have to do more annual reporting on a more regular basis. MSU will transition to Pathways in 3 years, and next year we will have to be doing some things to prepare for this. After the last HLC accreditation in 2006 we had to submit a follow-up report in 2009, to boost assessment. We said we would participate in the HLCs Student Learning Assessment Academy. We will discuss this at our November submeet.

#### **Priorities and Timeline**

- Student Learning Outcomes
- ETS Proficiency Profile
- HLC assessment academy

#### **Course Evaluation System**

Assessment office is reviewing how they process course evaluations. They need a workgroup to quickly determine what equipment should be purchased to replace existing scanning machines. This needs to be done quickly as they are not sure how much longer our existing equipment will continue working. Kirstie, Jean, Andi, Caryn, Nate, Avra, and Lynn will work on this. Andi will announce at FA exec meeting to see whether additional faculty want to have input on this. To clarify, this is not looking at changing the questions on the teaching evaluations, just changing the equipment that processes these completed course evaluations. If there is an interest later in changing course evaluations, we can look into that at a later date.