

13 March 2008
General Education Minutes

Meeting began at 12:30
Meeting adjourned at 1:30

Members Present: Kayla Fessler, Doug Gregory, Marybeth McCauley, Dr. Cassandra Meek, , Randy Anderson, Yuthica Kim, , Ernest Gobert, Catherine Kinyon, Dr. Janet Perry, Jay Ramanjulu, Dr. Brenda Harrison, Trish Bilcik, Mary Turner

Members Absent: Robin McMurry, Max Simmons, Jennifer Ball

Old Business: Minutes approved

New Business:

Assessment Conference Highlights:

Jon Inglett gave a recap of the assessment conference he recently attended in Denver. Some of the key points were:

- Interdisciplinary interaction were emphasized
- Building assessment into projects faculty already have in place
- Closing the loop by taking action to improve weak areas
 - Our (OCCC) Chemistry department is doing a good job of closing the loop.
- What do faculty value?

Sharing of information between departments and other institutions can help all institutions

Assessment of Oral and Non-verbal skills;

Presentation by Gwin Faulconer-lippert and Julie Corff – main ideas: public speaking skills are not carried into other courses. Our college now has a system that allows videotaping of speeches in speech classes. To become interdisciplinary, we need to hire a part-time employee and obtain a designated laptop. Capstone courses should have speaking component, as it is a life skill.

ACT-CAAP: must give Dr. Aquino a formal notice to change status

Obstacle: We must find a way to evaluate what was learned while attending OCCC. Dr. Harrison states that 300 out of 6000 would be a representative sample. We need to change the expectations of our students. They currently do not see how these skills will help them in life. Freshman Orientation courses could be used to educate students in this area. Bertha Wise made motion to drop ACT-CAPP. It was seconded and approved.

Outcomes Team:

Yuthika Kim reports that they are currently devising syllabi to distribute. We need to define outcomes and accurately measure and evaluate if these are being met.

Dr. Harrison suggested adding speech and computer application to Gen Ed requirements.