

MINUTES OF THE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
November 14, 2008 MB 2J5

Dr. Steve Shore called the meeting to order at 1:045PM with a quorum.

Voting Members in Attendance: Ms. Catherine Kinyon, Ms. Jo Ann Cobble, Ms. Pam Stout, Dr. John McMurray, Ms. Charles Nunley, Dr. Stephanie Hayes, Ms. Kathy Cupp, Ms. Sara Mathew, Ms. Brent Stafford.

Absent Voting Members: Ms. Rosemary Klepper, Mr. Markus Smith, Mr. Gary Tucker, Dr. Kristy Bailey, Mr. Mark Schneberger.

Non-voting Members in Attendance: Greg Gardner, Ms. Molly Henderson, Ms. Barbara King, Mr. Max Simmons, Dr. Janet Perry, Dr. Susan Tabor.

Absent Non-voting Members: Ms. Joyce Morgan-Dees, Mr. Jon Inglett, Ms. Ruth Charnay, Ms. Vicki Gibson, Dr. Jim Schwark.

Approval of the Minutes: There was a call for comments on the Minutes. Mark Schneberger made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. This was seconded by Dr. Jo Ann Cobble. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 1: Dr. Tabor presented the assessment process in the social science area.

- The assessment process is varied by program. Some programs, like Child Development, have an external accrediting agency that place specific objectives and tools for measurement. Other programs continue to evolve. The real purpose of assessment is to improve programs and increase student success.
- Program Reviews are seen as reflective process, meant to provide program faculty the opportunity to review assessment data, program outcomes, make curricular changes as needed.

Agenda Item 2: New Business

- There was general discussion about the Higher Learning Commission and alternative methods of accreditation, the differences between what students learn and assessment, outcomes on the class level as opposed to the program level and differences between AAS programs and transfer programs.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.