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SWOSU Assessment Committee

Minutes (Unapproved) Assessment Committee Meeting September 8, 2006

Membership: S. O'Neal, Chair; L. Appeddu; S. Burgess; C. Dougherty; G. East;
G. King; J. Hayden; R. Jones; S. Manning; S. Marquis; J. May;
J. Noble; K. Peters; C. Foust, Ex-Officio

In Attendance: S. O'Neal, Chair; L. Appeddu; S. Burgess; C. Dougherty; G. East;
D. Fuller (substituting for G. King); J. Hayden; R. Jones; S. Manning;
S. Marquis; J. May; J. Noble

The meeting was called to order in the Presidents Conference Room at 2:30 PM. Members in attendance introduced themselves.

The agenda items were the following:

- Freshman Tracking Study
- Remediation Summaries
- CAAP
- CLA
- Advanced Placement Testing
- Keyboarding Deficiency/Assessment
- Other

1. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the previous meeting (October 26, 2005) were approved.

2. Tracking Study

- J. Noble presented the most current data on the freshman tracking study. This study looks at yearly cohorts of first time freshman to monitor success rate for those students requiring remediation and those that do not. (See Attachments)
- Additional data was provided that examined success rates for students based on their ACT scores and CPT exam scores in math. (See attachments) Interest was expressed in a comparison of success with ACT and CPT scores in English and reading.
- The committee reviewed the data and commended J. Noble on providing the information requested by the committee.
- Interest was expressed in success related to the number of hours enrolled in.
- There was some discussion of the effectiveness of the SWOSU remediation program. The committee voiced a need to speak with Dr. Sonobe concerning remediation issues.

3. Remediation Summaries

- Current data was presented and reviewed. (See attachments)

4. Advanced Placement Testing

- Information on the number of students receiving credit through CLEP exam was presented. (See attachments)
- J. Noble responded to a previous request by committee members concerning data on the number of students receiving credit by Advanced Placement Testing. No such records are currently available at SWOSU.

5. CAAP

- Committee members were presented with a packet of information on a standardized test (Collegiate Assessment of Academic Efficiency) developed by ACT to assess GE programs.
- J. Hayden (chair of the GE committee) and other members voiced concerns about the use of this test.
- Committee members were asked to review the packet for the next meeting. Departments such as Language Arts, Mathematics, and Sciences should also do a review and offer an opinion.
- Assoc. Provost C. Foust will be invited to the next meeting so that the committee can get information concerning the need for such a standardized test.

6. CLA

- The committee was introduced to the concept of College Level Assessment, an end of instruction assessment at the end of the college experience.
- S. O'Neal informed the committee that Dr. Sonobe indicated that this will likely be an important issue in upcoming accreditations.
- The committee would like Dr. Sonobe to attend our next meeting to address this issue.

7. Keyboarding Deficiency/Assessment

- J. Noble asked the committee to recommend that the Advisement Handbook be amended by removing the section on keyboarding deficiency, as this is no longer a requirement.
- A motion to delete this section was made and seconded. The motion carried without dissent.

8. Other

- C. Dougherty (Dean of Students) addressed the committee concerning Service Learning and provided information about this new component in the accreditation process. Committee members raised concerns about how this new mandate would impact academic programs and academic freedom issues.

The committee's next meeting will be scheduled later in the semester. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.