

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE
June 10, 2004
Fetzer Boardroom

Members present: Dr. Noni Threinen, (**Chair**), Dr. Dale Healey, Dr. Max Hines, Dr. Lynne Hvidsten, Mr. Mark McKenzie, Ms. Jane Richardson, Ms. Emily Tweed, Mr. Tony Wangerin, Ms. Xianhui Yang

Absent: Dr. Anita Manne, Dr. Rob Scott, Dr. Okokon Udo

Approval of last meeting minutes:

Motion Hines, Healey to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2004 meeting with minor changes. Motion passed.

Director Updates:

Dr. Threinen reported the faculty focus groups were conducted by Dr. Udo within the last week, and they were quite informative and well received. Focus groups consisted of faculty from all academic programs. Everyone seemed to at least be somewhat familiar with the assessment review process. Information regarding the focus sessions will be reviewed at our meeting on June 24th.

Communication Piece:

Dr. Threinen stated that she is still waiting for a response from John Healy regarding issues associated with communication, and will report updates when they're available.

Agreement on priorities for addressing remaining University Learning Outcomes:

Dr. Threinen felt there was a good discussion at the last meeting regarding the next learning outcome to pursue. She stated that we may not begin work on the next outcome until at least this fall or perhaps early next year. Our plans include continuing to build a database of assessment information. We're continuing to identify criteria for clinical competencies. Dr. Scott will request that some of his faculty assist with defining criteria for outcomes.

Dr. Threinen led a discussion to identify and clarify the important criteria for selecting the next learning outcome to pursue:

- Concrete
- Easy to understand
- **Practicality (why?)
- Logical Sequence
- "Hot" items (a sense of urgency)
- We want synergy within the University
- Support for choices
 - ** - Mission statement
 - Strategic planning

- Resources
- Consistent with the big picture
- ***Easy success
- What is most important for students?
- Help program

Dr. Hvidsten commented that she believes we should select an outcome that the University supports in our strategic planning & mission statement. Dr. Threinen also commented that we should consider what is most important for students to help them learn better. The Assessment Committee discussed what support there are for the above choices. It was also felt we should be considering the overall big picture for Assessment as we make this decision. It was also felt that we need to combine resources throughout the University to work collaboratively.

From last week's discussion, following is a summary of votes:

6/10 Critical Thought and Knowledge Acquisition
 3/10 Ethical Reasoning
 2/10 Individuals, Communities & Cultures
 1/10 Influence of Mind, Body & Spirit on Health
 3/10 Individuals, Communities & Cultures

Remaining Outcomes

Members of the Assessment Committee ranked the remaining learning outcomes with the following overall votes and preferences:

Self Directed and Lifelong Learning - **43 votes (Ranked number 6)**
 Ethical Reasoning - **26 votes (Ranked number 3)**
 Individuals, Communities & Cultures - **22 votes (Ranked number 2)**
 Service to the Community - **31 votes (Ranked number 4)**
 Influence of Mind, Body & Spirit - **33 votes (Ranked number 5)**
 Critical Thought and Knowledge Acquisition - **13 votes (Ranked number 1)**

Final Decision: Critical Thought and Knowledge Acquisition was voted as the next Learning outcome to pursue.

Program reports:

MCAOM - Mark McKenzie reported that a meeting will be held today to review information regarding the pre-clinic workshop. When the information is summarized, this will be forwarded to Dr. Threinen.

Chiropractic – In Dr. Scott's absence, no report was given. Dr. Threinen did note the chiropractic program is discussing the professional development courses.

Massage Therapy: Nothing major to report. It was noted the AAHE conference will be held in Denver, Colorado this weekend. It was felt it will be quite a productive conference. Dr. Threinen has scheduled a brown bag seminar for July 8th where an overview of this conference will be presented.

Bachelor of Science Degree: Dr. Max Hines had a meeting recently regarding the upcoming regional accreditation visit scheduled for next May. He noted that the Academic Programs Advisory Group has developed a proposed philosophy statement regarding general education for the Bachelor of Science program. How does general education apply to our other programs? Dr. Hines elaborated on how general education is currently woven in our program.

Blue Team Report: Jane Richardson reported there has been some progress on plans for further development of the Assessment website. An outline has been developed and it is being prioritized. Monthly meetings are being held regarding this process. Dr. Threinen inquired whether this outline could be forwarded to the Assessment committee for review, in case members of the Committee have additional insight for the website.

No meeting will be held next week. The next meeting will be held on June 24, 2004.

Minutes written by: Diane Newcomer

Approved by _____
Noni Threinen, D.C., Chair
University Assessment Committee