Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes March 8, 2012

Present: Erin Hoffman, Tracy Lee, Adane Kassa, Ed Breitenbach, Sherri Chandler, Andy Wible, Christopher VanOosterhout, Papa N’Jai

The meeting began with an examination of the Minutes from the February 9 meeting.

Next, Papa N’Jai, Dept. Chair of Social Sciences, shared with the group about assessment plans in the Social Science Dept. The Social Science Dept. is made up of 7 disciplines. They have assessment efforts going on with psychology, sociology, and anthropology. They may also do something with political science. Next month, they have a department meeting where they will talk about assessment plans, rubric development, and other assessment-related business. Sherri Chandler, of the Social Science Dept, gave some additional updates regarding what existing assessments to use in psychology to get the needed assessment data.

The group looked at a draft of a form entitled “General Education Assessment Summary Sheet”. The purpose of the form is for departments and programs to use it in summarizing their assessment data, major findings, and recommendations. The group looked at this form and made several suggestions. The form will be brought back at a later date for continued discussion and final approval.

Next, the group examined two handouts on popular general education classes at MCC. One handout listed popular courses based on enrollment and the other had popular courses based on number of sections offered in one year. The goal of this activity was to develop a list of General Education courses to focus on with assessment. The group recognized that this process needs to have the involvement of the faculty who teach the courses and the department chairs. Here is a list of the courses selected so far:

COMMUNICATION: ENG 101, ENG 102, BCOM 101, BCOM 102

PROBLEM SOLVING AND TECHNOLOGY: BIO 103, CIS 120A, MATH 115

ETHICAL REASONING AND CREATIVITY: ART 101, PHIL 204, THEAT 101

CULTURAL AWARENESS: ANTH 103, PSYC 102, PSYC 201, SOC 101, BUS 127, SPAN 101, PEA 101A

Next, there was a short discussion of the article that was passed out at the last meeting.

Several updates on assessment efforts were shared by English, Art, Business, and Philosophy. The group talked about reserving some time for assessment at the fall faculty seminar days.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 12, 3-4 in room 1118.