MCC Assessment Committee / IAC Gen. Ed. Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2012

Present: Andy Wible, Dave Wiggins, Erin Hoffman, Chris VanOosterhout, Pam Brown, Sherri Chandler, Marcia Truxton, Tracy Lee, Ed Breitenbach

The meeting began with the committee looking over the minutes from the May 26 and June 9 meetings.

Next, the group worked on editing the draft 4 version of the proposed General Education Core Outcomes. Pam facilitated the discussion as the group worked together to find wording and language that was acceptable to the committee. Eventually, the group seemed to be satisfied with the wording and informally accepted the changes. Note: the new version (draft 5) was emailed to committee members on July 5.

Next, the group examined the handout titled “35 Most Popular Classes at MCC”. Committee members appreciated this information but thought it would be useful to have a list of the 35 most popular courses based on student enrollment. Ed agreed to get this information to the committee at a future meeting. This chart contained both courses listed in the MACRAO agreement and other courses (PEA, BCOM, CIS, BUS); these other courses may be useful because it would allow for covering classes in both the ASA and AAS degrees, as well as some certificate programs.

Next the committee looked at some assessment related definitions. The purpose of looking at the assessment definitions is to eventually develop a common language (list of terms) regarding assessment that promotes good communication among faculty and staff on this topic. Committee members were asked to look over these lists and be prepared to select useful terms / definitions at the next meeting.

Finally, the committee discussed the CATS (Classroom Assessment Techniques) system that had been used in the past. Most of the committee seemed in favor of using CATS again, but more input is likely needed. This topic can be brought up at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 28 from 3:00-4:00 in room 207.