MCC Assessment Committee

Meeting Minutes  
2/10/2011  
3:00-4:00

Present: Chris VanOosterhout, Kathy Pollock, Greg Marczak, Tom Tisue, Larry Visconti, Tracy Lee, Ed Breitenbach, Erin Hoffman, Marcia Truxton, Andy Wible

1. The committee discussed the summary reports from department chairs involving activities related to assessing general education abilities. Committee members were disappointed that not all departments had turned in a summary report. An effort will be made to get these missing summary reports for the next meeting.

2. Committee members discussed the HLC final report summary in the agenda and the suggestions from the HLC related to assessment.

3. Committee members discussed what sort of formal charge the Assessment Committee has and wondered who the Assessment Committee reports to. Ed B. agreed to investigate this question.

4. The committee discussed the HLC Assessment Academy and wondered if this would be a good option to investigate. The committee decided that more information was needed.

5. The committee examined a draft of a chart on how to measure General Education outcomes in General Education courses. The chart displayed how each outcome was introduced, emphasized, reinforced, and assessed. Overall, committee members liked this arrangement for tracking and measuring General Education outcomes.

6. The committee looked at examples of the CAAP test and discussed the pro’s and con’s of using this type of standardized test. The committee was nearly unanimous in agreeing that MCC should not go in the direction of using a standardized test like the CAAP to measure General Education abilities / outcomes.

7. The committee examined General Education outcomes from other CC’s in Michigan for comparison purposes. Discussion centered around revising MCC’s General Education abilities / outcomes to a more manageable / less-wordy list that would streamline our assessment efforts. The group consensus favored having one list of General Education abilities / outcomes (rather than multiple lists) to better facilitate institution-wide assessment efforts.

8. The committee favored having a subcommittee examine how to revise our General Education abilities / outcomes and report back to the overall committee with suggestions / revisions. Andy W. proposed taking the idea of forming the subcommittee to the IAC, which the committee agreed to.

9. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 10 from 3:00-4:00.