Assessment Committee October 6, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Present: Dave Wiggins, Tracy Lee, Erin Hoffman, Pam Brown, Kathy Krentz, Andy Wible, Ed Breitenbach, Christopher VanOosterhout, Jeff Johnston, Becky Evans

The meeting minutes from the September 1 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Next, the handout used at the last IAC meeting was examined. This handout contained the proposed wording for the new core General Education Outcomes. The handout was submitted to the IAC with formal approval planned for the November 2nd IAC meeting.

The group examined some assessment-related materials from Jackson Community College. There was a pamphlet that outlined the assessment efforts of the college as well as a chart showing which associate degree outcomes were measured in which class. The committee members felt both of these handouts were useful and that we would maybe want to produce something similar in the future. Another handout or chart from GVSU was examined.

Next, there was a discussion regarding a proposed change to the proposed General Education Outcomes. Andy felt that the wording of the last outcome needed to be slightly changed to include the word “knowledge” and to make this outcome consistent with the others. After much discussion, the committee decided to make the following change to the fourth outcome:

“Knowledge and application of creativity in the arts and knowledge and the ability to critically examine ethical values, principles, and issues.”

This change was approved by the committee and will be sent along to the IAC with the other outcomes for approval.

Becky Evans shared a handout from English Dept. Chair Mike Johnson regarding how the new proposed General Education outcomes could be used in the English Dept. The committee members discussed the handout and thought the material was very useful. The discussion involved benchmarks, rubrics, and the collection of data. The English Department uses regular Assessment Days to get faculty involved in the assessment process. The committee will continue to work with English faculty members in developing quality assessment practices.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3 from 3:00-4:00 in room 1118.