

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
October 7, 2013, 2:00 p.m., PCR
MINUTES (Unapproved)

Committee Members:

√ Mike Dougherty, Chair
√ Randy Barnett
√ Cindy Dougherty
√ Jared Edwards
√ Judy Haught

√ Robin Jones
√ Kelley Logan
√ Laura Miller
√ Tami Moser
√ Jan Noble

Sarah Ramsey
Chris Stufflebean
Cindy Foust, Ex-Officio
Blaine Boyd, SGA President
Bhakta Kajal, Student
√ Denisa Engelman, Guest

1. The meeting was called to order at about 2:05 p.m. (Jan neglected to invite Blaine Boyd to the meeting.)
2. Minutes from the March 27, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Jared Edwards made a motion to approve, Robin Jones seconded, and the motion passed.
3. Jan Noble announced that the online Advisement Handbook would be updated soon, and specified some of the updates, which came as a result of this committee.
4. Judy Haught announced that the Gen. Ed. Committee conducted a survey regarding Gen. Ed. courses, which will be reviewed at a meeting scheduled for November 15, 2013.
5. Jan Noble shared the updated Remediation Report. This led to much discussion on whether or not to pursue changes to remedial courses that would inspire and motivate students to take them more seriously. Discussion included 1) the possibility that student should earn credit for these courses; 2) the possibility of designing our own secondary placement tests, as Oklahoma City Community College does. This discussion was tabled.
6. Findings from our current Tracking Study were shared by Denisa Engelman and Cindy Dougherty:

Of the students with discipline records, 48% are regular admit students, 16% were alternate admit students, and 28% were transfer students. The other 8% was divided between small groups of adult students, international students, graduate students, concurrent students, and Sayre students.

Denisa looked at students with discipline records that were admitted prior to Fall 2010 (so they had four or more years to graduate at SWOSU) and found that 34% finished a degree. This percentage differed by groups. For example, 43% of the regular admit students graduated, while 20% of alternate students graduated, and 44% of the transfer students graduated.

To determine if different groups of students were more prone to having discipline problems, Denisa looked at all students admitted to SWOSU between Fall 2000 and Fall 2012 in the different admission categories. Then she compared that total number of students to the disciplined students that were admitted during the exact time frame (Fall 2000 to Fall 2012). She found that 5.0% of the regular admit students were disciplined, 6.6% of the alternate admit students were disciplined, and 3.6% of the transfer students were disciplined.
7. Jan Noble shared the most recent CAAP report. While scores of our freshmen are slightly below the national average, the impressive scores of our juniors and seniors since 2007 are a bit above the national average. In addition, the scores of our juniors and seniors exceed the scores of our freshmen. In general, this is an indication of the value-added performance gain that our students achieved while enrolled in our general education program. As soon as participation and data allows, there are plans for a longitudinal study, comparing the scores of the freshmen who also take the tests as juniors/seniors.
8. Jan Noble announced that the administration of the NSSE and Noel-Levitz Satisfaction Survey Form A are scheduled for Spring 2014.

9. Mike Dougherty and Cindy Dougherty voiced interest in adding the Director of Institutional Research and the Coordinator for Academic Counseling to some type of Assessment Committee membership. There was discussion on the valuable information and perspective that the people in these positions could add to this committee's discussion and decisions. Jan Noble made a motion to pursue approval from the Provost Office to add the Coordinator for Academic Counseling to regular Assessment Committee membership, and the Director of Institutional Research as a liaison to the Assessment Committee. Jared Edwards seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
10. Robin Jones made a motion to dismiss at about 3:50 p.m., Cindy Dougherty seconded, and the motion passed.