

Lake Superior College



Student Academic Achievement Committee

September 5, 2007

Meeting Summary

Members Present:

Kent Richards

Cliff Koski

Theresa Hornstein

Paula Young

Jim Drake

Marie Brooks

Gwendolyn Maul

Diane Dzuck

Lee Leksell

Adrienne Dinneen

Hannah Erpestad

Bridget Reistad

1. Welcome and Introductions

A. Meeting Schedule

For now, SAA meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month. However, Hanna noted that conflicts with AASC may require SAA meetings to be moved to a different Wednesday.

B. New Members

All SAA members from last year are returning for another year except Connie Moeller, Jeri Essig, Mary Grace Werner, and Peter Wielinski. Bridget Reistad will be replacing Connie Moeller representing the library. There was general agreement that the committee has enough members; however, it was suggested that we recruit a second student member since the terms of student members tend to be short.

2. Updates and Reports

A. eLumen

We are now using eLumen for PTA clinical evaluations. Rad Tech and Practical Nursing clinicals are being added and Kent expects to add Medical Assisting and AD Nursing in the near future. We are also using eLumen to assess all sections of the First Year Experience course. There are plans to use eLumen for assessing Internships, Service Learning, and Program Reviews.

B. Computational Skills Project

To date, there are 11 instructors with 22 course sections participating in the college-wide computational skills D2L assessment project. Data collection will be complete by the end of fall semester.

C. Annual Report

The annual assessment report for FY 2006-07 should be completed within the next month.

D. NOCTI Testing

The National Occupational Competency Testing Institute knowledge test for electrical construction was piloted last spring. It was administered to 17 graduating Commercial and Residential Wiring students. Initial results show that the students performed slightly below national norms.

Plans are underway to administer the NOCTI pre-test this fall to incoming students who will be going into Electronics and Commercial and Residential Wiring. Re-testing those students at the end of their programs will allow us to document the learning in those programs.

E. Constitution Day

Our federally mandated Constitution Day observance will be used to do a college wide assessment of critical thinking skills.

F. MTC Rubrics

A call went out to all faculty to continue the discussion groups started at the April 12th duty day last spring. It is hoped that the study groups will, among other things, lead to rubrics for 5 of the 10 Minnesota Transfer Curriculum goal areas.

G. Awards for Excellence

Jane Worley, Linda Farrell, and Deanne Roquet were recognized at the end of spring semester for their assessment work last year.

3. New Business

A. College Wide Outcomes Review

Our review cycle calls for reviewing two college-wide outcomes for continued validity each year. This year we will review the college-wide outcomes for communication and critical thinking this year. When review of those two outcomes is complete, we will have reviewed all six college-wide outcomes over the past three years.

B. SAA Role and Function

The group discussed the role of the SAA Committee as the following:

- Transmit the importance of learning to our students
- Keep faculty involved and in the picture
- To do things better
- Get ideas for classroom assessment
- Connections to professional development, CTL, assessment and coordination between the groups
- Institution collecting data
- Center for Teaching and Learning – formalize connections to assessment, join efforts together and build best practices
- Develop more awareness and expertise
- Educate new / newer faculty regarding assessment
- Start plan / projects as needed and recruit help / expertise as needed
- Keep Kent as Assessment Coordinator grounded
- Share ideas
- Consistent student participation valuable
- Group participation in agenda development

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.