

2007 Assessment Task Force Minutes

March 14, 2007

10 AM-12 Noon

SCHEV Main Conference Room

In attendance: Anderson, Barnes (for Meyers), DeFilippo, Erwin, Feiss (for Nichol), Frawley (Chair), Genteman, McWee, Sullivan

1. The Task Force charge was reviewed, and discussed in light of relevant state and national issues.
 - Consensus agreement that the TF's final guidelines should take the form of a resource document specifying parameters according to which institutions will do value added assessment.
2. The six competency areas (Written Communications, Technology/Information Literacy, Quantitative Reasoning, Scientific Reasoning, Critical Thinking, and Oral Communication. (As an aside, Technology/Information Literacy) were discussed.
 - Consensus agreement that the guidelines should propose a "5+1" approach, with institutions given the option of including Technology/Information Literacy in their assessment program, or substituting another institution-specific category.
 - Consensus agreement that the other 5 competency areas should be preserved, and that the final guidelines should clarify that this is not the only academic assessment done by institutions.
3. Communication to stakeholders was discussed.
 - Pres. Frawley will brief GPAC at its next meeting.
 - Vice Chancellor Sullivan will brief IPAC at its next meeting.
 - The Council would like a briefing in May and July.
4. Implementation of fall 2007 assessment was taken up.
 - Consensus agreement that the system of peer review should be preserved. If external (out of state) review is going to be done, it should be in addition to the peer review.
5. For next meeting:
 - Operating conception of "value-added" (as per charge).
 - Analytical approach
 - Instrumentation