

2007 Assessment Task Force Minutes

May 30, 2007
9:30-11:30 AM

College of William & Mary

In attendance: Aday (for Nichol), Anderson, Barnes (for Meyers), DeFilippo, DiCroce (chair), Feiss (for Nichol), Harper, Genteman (by phone), McWee, Sullivan

1. President DiCroce was delayed by traffic but stayed in contact via phone and requested the meeting proceed as scheduled until her arrival.

2. The minutes of the April 27th meeting were discussed and approved with two minor revisions.

3. DeFilippo reported that SCHEV had engaged Dr. Steven RiCharde of Florida Atlantic University to work with the Task Force and to serve as the external reviewer of institutional fall '07 assessment plans.

4. Sullivan and DeFilippo reported on the briefing that Sullivan gave to the Council's Academic Affairs Committee on May 8th Council meeting on the Task Force's progress.

5. Discussion commenced on the form and content of the guideline document that the Task Force would be recommending to the Council. Anderson presented a summary table of methods according to the rubrics of *Approaches*, *Data Collection Methods*, and *Instrumentation*. There was consensus agreement

- that the summary table comprises a comprehensive typology of valid value-added assessment methods;
- that competency-based assessment would be added to the *Approaches* section (though not inherently a value-added method, this will acknowledge the importance of the six competencies);
- that the revised table would form the core of the Task Force's ultimate guideline document, and the methods detailed therein should constitute the parameters according to which institutional approaches may be justified..

6. President DiCroce arrived at 10:30 and engaged the Task Force in a discussion of its deliberations thus far and its approach to developing its final report to the Council. There was consensus agreement that

- the Task Force should proceed now to develop a draft guideline that incorporates the following elements:

- a brief introduction on the history and philosophy of assessment in Virginia;
- the Task Force's operating conception of value-added assessment;
- the summary table of value-added assessment methods recast in narrative/outline form.
- that the SCHEV Academic Affairs office would draft the document in time for the Task Force to consider at its June 22nd meeting;
- that Dr. RiCharde would be invited to attend the June 22nd meeting;
- that once a working draft guideline has been agreed on by the Task Force, it would take up other elements of the charge (costs, reporting, etc.).

7. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.