

Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2008

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m. in the Provost's Conference Room in the administration building.

Present: Said Bahi, Bryce Christensen, Patrick Clarke, John Eye, Jeff Fisher, Deb Hill, Prent Klag, David McGuire, Lee Montgomery, Dale Orton and Bonny Rayburn.

Excused: Steve Barney, Mikhail Bouniaev, Wes Curtis, and Harold Ornes.

- I. **General Education Curriculum Mapping Project Report** – Lee announced that there was only about 34% response rate but there was enough feedback to determine where the individual competencies are being addressed. This curriculum mapping will become more important later on when the general education assessment plan is fully implemented. It will enable us to look back and see how good a job we are doing in addressing those particular skills. Lee distributed a partial copy of the findings so committee members could get an idea of what information was collected. Lee will post the whole document on the SUU Intranet for anyone who would like to review it. Lee stated that we are hoping to eventually imbed some kind of assessment in capstone courses to enable us to use this information in a pre-test/post-test way.

- II. **Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) Testing** – Lee stated that the first round of the MAPP tests have been administered to all incoming freshmen thanks to Patrick Clarke and Blaine Edwards who did the lion's share of the work. He passed out copies of an overall assessment of how well our incoming freshmen rated compared to other institutions. The second hand-out was a more specialized evaluation having to do with the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and critical thinking.

The MAPP test will be administered to all incoming freshmen in the fall of every 3rd year beginning with Fall 2007. Committee members had a lengthy discussion on how best to retest these same students at or near the completion of their general education courses and came to the conclusion that a course should be developed that would have students complete a project showing they have mastered the general education competencies and, at the same time, have them retake the MAPP test to evaluate what they have learned. Lee will discuss this option with Shauna Mendini, who is the chair of the General Education Committee. Hopefully, with her help, and the cooperation of the General Education Committee and the Curriculum Committee, this course can be developed and in place by the time these students have completed their general education courses. Lee will report back to the committee after he talks to Shauna and when he has more details.

- III. **Accreditation Update** – Lee stated that we are scheduled for an interim visit from Northwest in October, 2008. Over the next few weeks, an interim report will be compiled. Most of the information will have to do with how the institution is carrying out their plans to address the concerns that Northwest stated in their report in 2003.

- IV. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be from 3:00 – 4:00 on Tuesday, April 22nd, in the Provost's Conference Room.

- V. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.