Minutes
Institutional Assessment Committee
January 27, 2004

Meeting was convened at 3:30 p.m. in Room 314, S. Shepler.

Present were: Dr. Marge Kingsley, Carolyn Kinslow, Dr. Ted Snider, Dr. David Groves, Dr. Mary Dzindolet, Tom Sutherlin, and Jon Ella Long.

Absent were: Benson Warren and Samantha Wartley-Thomas

I. Critical Thinking Examination

Tom Sutherlin reported that we will be giving the critical thinking examination again this semester and we need to get good results. We have 200 tests, and the English essay and Math skills need to be taken seriously. Last year during the critical thinking exam less than 5% of students showed up and took it. The American Federal Government results were disappointing, so we moved to History classes, which was somewhat better. The students didn’t take these exams much more seriously. Mr. Sutherlin thinks this time we should do physical science, and there was discussion about how to do this most effectively. Dr. Ted Snider suggested earth science or astronomy. Discussion was held about which courses to test and it was ultimately decided to do about 10% organic chemistry and the rest other science classes. Ted Snider said if the teachers impress upon students the importance of this endeavor they will take the tests more seriously and will do better.

II. Results of Cameron’s Participation in the College Level Assessment Program (CLA)

We have finished the CLA survey and Cameron did very well. CU had a 10.6 percent participation rate and OU had 10.4 percent rate. Of the public institutions in Oklahoma, these were two of the highest participation rates. Least highest rate was 8.6 percent and the lowest was 3.5 percent at a community college. The highest rates were from private colleges who came in at 11 - 12 percent. Twenty students signed up to take the test but never showed up.

The Alumni Survey participation was good although we do not have the numbers as these are only analyzed through the testing center. We received only one complaint about the tests.

III. Recommendations for recognition of programs achieving Level III Assessment.

Tom Sutherlin said we would be giving awards to departments that have achieved Level III. The follow-up report to NCA will be due in June, but he believes we are okay on this.

IV. Recommendations for programs failing to meet institutional goals in Assessment.

We will continue with this subject at the next meeting. The student satisfaction survey needs to be done again this year.

V. Other matters

Tom Sutherlin will be going to the Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting in Chicago in March.

Discussion was held about retaining students.

It was decided to change the meeting date each month to the second Wednesday to accommodate some of the members teaching responsibilities. Therefore, the next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 11, 2004, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 314, S. Shepler.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jon Ella Long