Institutional Assessment Committee
October 14, 2003

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Results of Gen Ed Assessment Measurements from last Cycle.

3. Gen Ed Assessment Measurements planned for this year.

Minutes
Institutional Assessment Committee
November 11, 2003

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, Samantha Wartley Thomas, Tom Sutherlin, and Jon Ella Long.

Absent were: Warren, Dzindolet, Miller

1. Approval of minutes from meeting October 14, 2003. Dr. Groves made motion to approve. Mrs. Kinslow seconded. Minutes approved.

2. 2003 Annual Report on Student Assessment

Mr. Sutherlin passed out copies of the Executive Summary of our annual Student Assessment report for the State Regents. He talked about some of the data in the report. ACT scores are down very slightly, but there are fewer students in remediation. We track students through remediation and it appears to be working. The new Enrollment Manager, Dr. Kruse, will be doing some studies on retention and remediation. Mr. Sutherlin reported on the various assessment tests that were given last year and their results. He is concerned some of Cameron’s academic the programs are not operating at Level III and we must report our progress to NCA this year. The graduate program has made considerable improvement, particularly the MBA portion. Student Affairs has undergone a reorganization this year, and only the student satisfaction survey is included. The only portion of the Assessment Report that is published is the Executive Summary.

3. Rand Testing

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have asked every institution in Oklahoma to participate in a survey to measure student learning. This project is funded by the Pew Charitable Trust.

Tom Sutherlin reported that we sent out 150 letters on October 30, and have gotten only eighteen responses. We even made follow-up phone calls and will mail out 130 more letters this week. We are disappointed in the poor response, but will endeavor to do everything we can to test 100 students.

4. General Education Assessment

Dr. Ted Snider is Chair of the General Education Committee. He reported that they are struggling with “measurable outcomes” for assessment criteria for general education. Discussion was held about this, and Dr. Snider said he will contact Dr. Lee for counsel.

Tom Sutherlin said at the next meeting he wants to discuss the upcoming exam on critical thinking, as we have not had a good experience with it. When we did it before, the faculty’s attitude was not good, and if the test is not taken seriously, it is worthless. Dr. Snider suggested General Physical Science would be a good course to test students’ critical thinking skills and Dr. Groves suggested General Biology. Some universities hold an annual “Assessment Day” where the entire institution
participates in assessment activities all day long. This may be something we should do here at Cameron.

5. Mr. Sutherlin reported that the State Regents office has notified him that CU has no business courses that the US Air Force wants to take, and he will be working on this project in the near future. The mission statement of the Office of Institutional Assessment & Planning will be expanded to include accuracy of all data in our system. We have joined “Clearing House,” which is an online site that allows us to track students.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 9, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 314, S. Shepler.

Meeting adjourned 4:55 p.m.
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I. 2003 Annual Report on Student Assessment - Distribution

II. CLA - Update
    Standardized Rand Corporation Test
    
    Alumni Survey

III. General Education Assessment
     Mid-Level
     Mathematics
     
     English

     Speech

     Critical Thinking