

Meeting Minutes: Assessment Council
February 11, 2013 – 11:00 a.m. – HMSU 421

Attendees:

Name	Representing
Arvin, Shelley	Library
Bodey, Kim	Faculty-at-Large
Brewster, Natalie	Student Success
Cain, Ruth	Assessment and Accreditation Coordinator
Childs, Chris	Student Success
Crowder, Cindy	College of Technology
Davis, Nolan	Student Affairs
Hampton, Eric	Bayh College of Education
Hare, Molly	College of Nursing, Health, and Human Services
O’Laughlin, Elizabeth	Faculty-at-Large

I. Minutes

The minutes from the January 14, 2013, meeting were made available for review. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

II. National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)/Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE) – Josh Powers

Josh Powers, Interim AVP for Student Success, was introduced to the Council members. He was invited to the meeting to discuss the NSSE and the FSSE. He shared the following.

The NSSE is possibly the largest survey of college students. Research suggests that certain experiences students have on college campuses are correlated with positive outcomes. Freshmen and seniors are surveyed every three years. A copy of the instrument was provided for the Council members. The results are received in the summer and the normative data from other institutions is received in late fall. In December NSSE provides a report with this year’s nation-wide findings. The University has not been very effective in using the data and needs to do a better job. A copy of the NSSE 2010: The Student Experience at Indiana State was provided for the Council members. The following suggestions were made to better use the data.

- Benchmarks could be developed.
- Collaboration with Student Success could be planned.
- An NSSE, BCSSE and FSSE summit could be held.
- Someone from NSSE could be invited in for keynote and discussion.
- The Council members could go to various committees and have focused discussions.

- The Assessment Council and Success Council members could serve as ambassadors.
- A summit could be held where a key group of people would review the data.

It was noted that the University also participates in the Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE) and the Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement (BCSSE).

The type of data collected was discussed. A suggestion was made to take the data from the Foundational Studies Writing Assessment Pilot, the data from the ETS Proficiency Profile, and the data from the NSSE and review what the data show. The BCSSE will show what students are expecting their experiences to be. The FSSE will give the faculty perspective.

Various ways will be used to publicize the NSSE administration this spring. The possibilities are listed below.

- A series of four emails will be sent to the students.
- It will be announced in the ISU Today.
- Ads will be placed in the Statesman.
- Table tents will be placed on the tables in HMSU.
- An outreach will be made through social media.
- RA's will be asked to promote.
- Conversations with the SGA are being considered.
- A promotion will appear on the ISU homepage.
- *The Statesman* may do a story.
- It could be included in President Bradley's newsletter.
- Incentives may be offered.

It was suggested that the student organizations be contacted. Some have their own twitter or blog space where they could publicize the instrument. Any other suggestions should be forwarded to Josh Powers.

A suggestion was made to plan a joint Student Success/Assessment Council summit retreat in early fall. A panel from other institutions could be invited to attend (possibly virtually) to discuss how they use the NSSE information.

Possible incentives for faculty participating in the FSSE were discussed.

III. Assess for Success Planning Updates

A copy of the Assess for Success schedule was provided for the Council members. The panel membership has been finalized. The Provost will now be doing the welcome.

An invitation will be sent to the Council members for the luncheon with Gloria Rogers. The panelists and the individuals participating in the pilot study for the writing assessment will also be invited.

A reminder will be sent to those attending the event. Those planning to attend the workshops will be asked to bring information with them. If they are planning to attend the Retooling Assessment Plans workshop they should bring copies of their plans and if they are attending the How to Use Your Data workshop, they should bring copies of their data.

Call for Posters

Cindy Crowder updated the group on the activities for the poster session. The leadership team looked at the call for proposals. The call for proposals will run in the ISU Today and a targeted email will be sent. An email will be sent to the department chairs and deans. It will also be posted on the website. The deadline will be February 21.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.