

Assessment Advisory Committee
July 6, 2007, 10:00 AM, 503 Harrington
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS NOT PRESENT	GUESTS
Meyer, Paul Phillips, Loraine Bednarz, Bob Benavides, Lisa for Sam Kirkpatrick Carr, Becky Farnsworth, Charles Gilreath, Charles Harper, Kristin Kenimer, Ann for Gene Nelson Loudder, Marty Martin, David Matthews, Pam Osters, Sandi Rogers, Kenita Schielack, Janie Simpson, Nancy Vitek, Jack Wang, Ming for Cindy Dutschke	Balester, Valerie Feigenbaum, Leslie Haisler, Walter E. Webb, Bob	Malinovsky, Amber (OIA) Farnsworth, Karen (OIA) Fowler, Deborah (CTE)

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Dr. Loraine Phillips.
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AGENDA ITEM	COMMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/FOLLOW-UP
Review and Approval of the minutes from 6/4/07		Minutes were approved without correction.
Discussion of Core Curriculum Assessment by Dr. Paul Meyer	<p>Why does TAMU need general education assessment?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Help improve the General Education 2) Provide needed feedback to the Faculty Senate 3) Meet the External Requirements of the State – Co-Board and SACS, 3.5.1. <p>The proposed general education assessment foci for consideration by the Faculty Senate follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication skills • Critical inquiry skills • Quantitative reasoning skills • International culture and diversity. <p>The first three skills will require faculty evaluation of samples from students’ work. The international focus will rely on student surveys and the number of students participating in International Studies.</p> <p>A memo sent from Jonathan Smith on July 5th created some concern about the status of the recertification process. A number of departments, such as in the College of Liberal Arts, have completed this work under the guidelines given which have a due date of August 1, 2007. There was discussion regarding the differences between recertification and assessment of general education.</p>	.
Off-Site Demonstration of WEAVEonline presented by Jean Yerian	Due to technical difficulties, Jean Yerian was unable to present the WEAVEonline Demo as planned. Instead, a conference call giving a quick tour of WEAVEonline ensued. The eight sections highlighted in this discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of Institutional Assessment will follow-up with

	<p>were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Getting Started • Building the Assessment Foundation • Closing the Loop • Reflective Practice • Curriculum Mapping • Managing, Monitoring, Reporting • Conclusion. <p>More details can be found at their website (http://www.weaveonline.com/).</p> <p>Those voicing interest in the purchase of WEAVEonline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College of Science • Mays Business School • Student Affairs • College of Education • Undergraduate Programs (Academic Advising Group) • University Writing Center • Evans Library • College of Liberal Arts • COALS 	<p>WEAVEonline to get an estimate of the cost of using this assessment software.</p>
Other business	No other business was discussed.	
Adjourn		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.