STUDENT LEARNING COMMITTEE MEETING
October 18, 2007
3:00 pm
C-2007

Present: Alfredson, O., Boudreau, S., Gawlik, W., LaTour, K.(Coordinator), Keller, S., Lee, M., McKeon, S., Morrow, S., Offerman, J., Smith, R., Zuro, S.

Absent: Anderson, C., Connor, B., Krause, S., Magruder, M., Schley, C., Stroud, B., Suchy, C.,

CALL TO ORDER
K. LaTour opened the October 2007 Academic Assessment Committee meeting at 3:05 pm in C-2007. Attendance was taken.

MINUTES

Wayne moved to approve the September minutes and Scott K. seconded. They were approved unanimously.

I. OLD BUSINESS

a. Kristin began with an update on the Academy for Assessment of Student Learning. Due to trouble in getting a group together to attend the roundtable, JJC is petitioning to delay our start in the program until next Spring. However, there is a group started, and we are moving forward.

b. Kristin updated everyone that she met with Jake Chase in IT about the website and they are working on getting it up to date with the format for JJC websites.

c. Kristin met with Jeff Julian in Community Relations about an e-newsletter. There will be room for a feature article on assessment, as well as categories such as “Kudos” for any praise for people working with student learning, a possible profile on someone working well with assessment, etc. Please send any ideas on to Kristin. Copy is due to Jeff by mid-November for a fall publication.

d. A discussion about the handbook took place. General feedback from the departments is that there should not be a change to make a requirement for length of teaching at JJC contingent on membership in the committee. With new training going on, a more open acceptance of assessment, and better leadership, such a requirement seems unnecessary. However, it was thought that some training at the beginning of each semester, or a meeting between the coordinator and new members should happen. Scott K. moved to accept the changes to the handbook, and Scott B. seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously.

e. Scott B. brought in his departments plans so far. There was some confusion over how much detail the plans need to have. The worksheet that Kristin made for planning develops the questions that need to be answered, but it wasn’t clear that these questions were imperative to planning, and not just food for thought. Most departments are making
progress with assessment planning. We should aim for a majority of plans to be ready to be implemented by spring, but not all must be.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Kristin unveiled her lame attempts at making a T-shirt and bumper sticker proclaiming JJC’s embracing of student learning. Feedback along the lines of making the shirt more professional were taken to heart. Kristin will do more investigating/creating.

b. Max brought in information on the webcast “Assessment and Accountability: Reasonable Approaches for Higher Education.” It will air on Nov. 29th. There is also a cd available for purchase. There was interest in the webcast, but concern over enough people being able to get the time to watch it. Kristin will look into purchasing the cd so more people can watch it.

Sandy moved to close the meeting, Scott K. seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 3:50.