

Assessment Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2006

Members Present: Chris Crawford, Mark Stutz, Craig Karlin, Ed Howell, Art Morin, Heath Marrs, and Drew Thomas

Members Absent: Sandra Thies, Curtis Brungardt, Andria Cooper, Tim Crowley, Amy Finch, Matt Means, Shala Mills, Hong Wang, Regi Wieland, Daniel Kulmala, and Gladys Swindler

Others Present: Jeff Briggs

Next Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2006, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Field Conference Room, Sheridan Hall

I. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chris Crawford.

II. AQIP Information and Reports

- **YOTD/Assessment Related Activity**
YOTD activities will have an effect on departments' learning outcomes and teaching methods.
- **University Assessment Report and Strategic Plan**
Chris updated the committee on the university report. Many things should change with the changes in Student Affairs. DARCI is a new assessment tool that will be used by departments which gives them a better way to see where they are going in the future. Heath asked if there was funding for testing. Chris told him yes.

III. Business

- **Affinity Diagram Subcommittee**
The Affinity Diagram Subcommittee will be meeting about Student Affairs activities soon. Chris, Art Morin, and Jeff Briggs will report back at a later time.
- **NSSE Results/Analysis**
Chris shared the results and analysis of the benchmark study. FHSU falls below its peers which is not good news and which causes concern. We need to challenge students more. Chris has been working on drilling into the data to possibly find more in-depth information as to why this is happening. There are challenges with the NSSE survey, particularly between on-campus and distance learners. The questions do not fit

students in the testing group, particularly distance learners. The questions need to be more specific and not as general. Chris discussed in detail the different sections of the analysis provided to the committee.

- **Retention Plan**

It was discussed that the university needs a better understanding of students that we are gaining and losing. The university needs an ongoing review of why students are not coming back, and we need to share that information with the rest of the institution. Information also needs to be obtained as to what percentages of students are going from on-campus to virtual.

- **Writing Across the Curriculum** – Chris gave a brief report, based on NSSE data, concerning writing skills of our students. There is a decrease across the board on all writing skills from our students.

IV. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

V. Next Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2006, 3:00 p.m., Field Conference Room, Sheridan Hall