Student Learning Outcomes Task Force
Meeting Notes
March 19, 2004

Attendees: K. Bimber; J. Ireland; A. Jones; D. Kinney; J. Moore; P. Schmolze; D. Seymour; M. Siegel; R. Tillberg; L. Watts

The meeting began with an overview of the preliminary work that has been done so far at LACC. This includes a timeline of activities (that is completely fluid and subject to change) and a draft of a possible organizational structure. Some discussion of the purpose of the task force as well as the organizational structure of the task force and/or future committee took place. Because the structure and work of the task force/committee will depend upon the ideas that the group generates, these topics are still in flux.

Next the group began to define terms. The first draft of these definitions is attached. This will be a work in progress and the definitions will evolve as time goes on. It is vital that everyone involved in this process has a shared view of what the terms we use mean.

A variety of handouts was distributed with discussion of each. These include: Learning Principles and Collaborative Action, a set of terms describing learning from a report issued by AAHE, ACPA, and NASPA (included in the reference materials); a summary of what has been learned over the past ten years of collecting assessment data written by C. Lopez (also included in the reference materials); Nine Principles of Good Practice for Assessing Student Learning (available from http://www.aace.org/assessment/principle.htm); and a reference list of materials that have been collected and are available in the curriculum library (AD 208 C) and which will also be placed in MLK library in the faculty reference section. These materials can be copied by anyone who would like to read them. Most of the materials are available on line and can be downloaded from any computer. The books that are on the reference list are available in my office in AD 208 A.

Three of the articles have been highly recommended and task force members were requested to read them before the next meeting: Barr and Tagg from Change magazine; Halpern from Change magazine; and Lopez. Hard copies of these articles are available in the curriculum library and MLK Library.

Future meetings were set for April 22 at 1:00 and May 20 at 3:30 in the PCR.
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