



Core Objectives Assessment Team (COAT)

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2014
3:00 PM, CHEC – 200

- 1. Social Responsibility Rubric Language: Inter-rater reliability discussion** – Concern still centers on the definition, provided by the THECB, for Social Responsibility. The main issue deals with the wording “regional, national, and global communities.” Many members feel the word “and” causes the most problems. Five of the Foundational Component Areas (Language, Philosophy & Culture; Creative Arts; American History; Government/Political Science; Social and Behavioral Sciences) require Social Responsibility as a Core Objective. Members felt all courses met one or more of the “regional, national, and global communities” language, but may not meet all three of these. Since the definition comes from the THECB, we are not able to change that, but, we can look at the third criteria in this Rubric and possibly make some adjustments to allow for the assessed assignment to better align with this. Since this document is currently being used, any adjustments need to be made during the summer, so that the next group would have the information prior to developing their assignment to be assessed. COAT members should continue to think about this; we will continue to discuss it at the next meeting.
- 2. Closing the Loop!: 1) COAT recommendations for improvement** – Regina Hughes and Mindi Bailey are still working to provide this information through the LibGuides (collin.libguides.com). There was discussion about providing faculty assignments that align well with the specific rubric. This could be helpful as other faculty develop their assignments. There is some concern about doing this because what one feels is a good assignment may not be evaluated by others the same. COAT will continue to discuss. **2) Educating Faculty** – Kathleen Fenton has invited COAT members to provide information for the Curriculum Newsletter. Jerry Smith is currently working with Kathleen on information for the March newsletter. She would like to continue with other Core Objectives for future newsletters. If you are interested in writing an article, please contact Kathleen.
- 3. Assessment Schedule:** The schedule is available on the COAT website. The following courses are being assessed spring 2014: Social Responsibility (GOVT-2305 and SOCI-1301); Critical Thinking (ENGL-1301; PHYS-1401; HIST-1301); Teamwork (CHEM-1411; MUSI-1306).
- 4. Associate Faculty Conference:** COAT is presenting Saturday, April 7th at the conference. Please let one of the Co-Chairs know if you will be able to assist.
- 5. CIP:** COAT has been selected to do the Core Continuous Improvement Plan. A sub-committee will be working on this for the next two years. Please contact Kimberly if you would like to be part of this sub-committee.

6. **Calendar:** The next COAT meeting will be April 22nd, at CHEC, Room 200. Assessment days are May 21st and June 5th. June 5th will only be used if we don't have enough time to complete the assessments at the May 21st meeting.








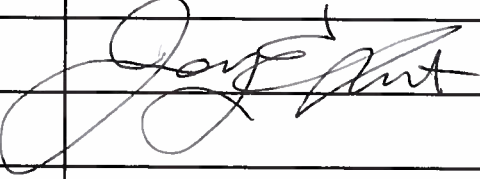
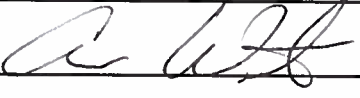
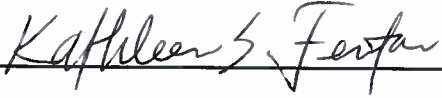
7. **Other Business:** **1) Faculty Council discussion of Assessment** - At the last meeting, Brian mentioned that President Israel had talked about issues with assessment. Brian followed-up with VP/P Kihl, who explained the many "moving parts" of assessment and that the President's statements were not directed at COAT. She explained that with Collin preparing for our SACSCOC review, assessment is a concern for any institution at this stage of the process. She also mentioned that our new assessment of Core was going well. **2) Faculty Online Commons – call for assignments** -LibGuide is requesting assignments. Some assignments do not align with the rubric; therefore, assessment is difficult. Some discussion took place about COAT providing the assignments, after assessment, so that there was documentation the assignment aligned with the rubric. Other members are concerned this could lead to all faculty being required to have a mandatory assignment for the Core Objective being assessed. Providing "assessment" assignments for LibGuide will continue to be discussed.

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Adams	Brett	Brett Adams
Bailey	Mindi	
Bell	Ellen	
Briggs	Cindy	Cindy Briggs
Brooks	Catie	
Bryant	Levi	Levi Bryant
Byrnes	Kerry	Kerry Byrnes
Cardwell-Wilson	Meghan	
Clark	Carlton	
Commons	Wendy	Wendy Commons
DeRouen	Rich	Rich DeRouen
Foster-Eason	Laura	
Francis	Martha	Martha Francis
Gaiter	Pam	Pam Gaiter
Geraghty	Sean	
Gingo	Diana	
Glass	John	
Grose	Nicole	Nicole Grose
Hanvey	Karen	
Harris	Kimberly	Kimberly Harris
Kampas	Ladonna	Ladonna Kampas
Kannampuzha	Rajasree	Rajasree Kannampuzha
Kearns-Simmons	Shannon	Shannon Kearns-Simmons
Kenyon	Lynette	Lynette Kenyon

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Masters	Shawna	
McKee	Mike	
Naismith	Courtney	
Pearson	Chad	
Pierson	Pat	
Rasmussen	Bryan	
Richardson	Dawn	
Robinson	Natasha	
Rodriguez	Lorena	
Sauter	Alan	
Shipley	Zach	
Short	Steven	
Smith	Jerry	
Wallace	Dean	
Warren	Jenny	
West	Aaron	
Winslow	Mike	
OTHERS ATTENDING		
Day	Dani	
Fenton	Kathleen	
Neal	Cameron	