

Core Objectives Assessment Team (COAT)

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2014 4:00 – 5:00 PM, CHEC – 225

- 1. Assessment Conferences –Texas A&M: The February Texas A & M Annual Assessment Conference was announced. The deadline for the call for proposals has passed. Early registration for the conference is available until January 16, 2015. The registration information will be sent to all COAT members.
- 2. Web-page review: Suggestions were made regarding the layout and design of the COAT web page. Suggestions included moving the GenEd Analysis and Reports from the document library to their corresponding Academic Year. The suggestion to archive past years so that not as much information was available on the homepage was also suggested. COAT members were asked to send any suggestions to the COAT Co-Chairs. A vote on the layout will occur at the November meeting.
- 3. Rubric Subcommittee Reports: The Critical Thinking updates will be shared at the November meeting. Changes to the Social Responsibility Rubric were discussed at length. The latest edited version of the rubric was changed during the meeting at the suggestion of various COAT members. The current edited version will be sent to all COAT members for approval. A vote on the rubric will occur at the November meeting. COAT members that cannot attend the meeting due to their class schedule are asked to send their votes to the COAT Co-Chairs.
- **4. Faculty Development Sessions:** Currently, three sessions are planned for the January 2015 Faculty Development Conference: (1) Assessment Workshop intended to be hands-on. It will include an inter-rater reliability session as well as assessment of student work. (2) Rubric Interpretation presentation intended to give faculty insight to how COAT uses the rubrics. (3) Social Responsibility Workshop designed to garner more feedback from faculty on the Social Responsibility Rubric. A call for volunteers was presented.
- 5. Closing the Loop!: Discipline Leads were asked to gather information from their respective faculty regarding improvement of student learning for two of the Core Objectives: Social Responsibility and Communication Skills. Faculty were asked to review the Social Responsibility rubric and give input on how they interpret "intercultural competence," "knowledge of civic responsibility," and "engagement in regional, national and global communities" in the context of the specific courses they teach that require this objective. Faculty were asked to share information about their learning activities in regard to teaching Social Responsibility including the effectiveness of the activities. Faculty that teach Social Responsibility were also asked to include possible new learning activities that address the rubric elements while improving student learning. Faculty are to send their feedback to the Discipline Leads by October 31, 2014. Discipline Leads are to send all feedback to the COAT Co-Chairs by November 7, 2014. COAT created a sub-committee to assess the feedback in order to make changes to the Social Responsibility and share learning activities with faculty. A call for volunteers was presented. No date was set for the review; however, it will take place between Nov. 7th and Nov. 18th.

- **6. Empirical & Quantitative Skills Assessment Day:** Per the process outlined by the General Education Outcomes Forum II, along with the appropriate COAT members, Empirical & Quantitative Skills will be assessed by faculty in the discipline. EQS samples from fall 2014 will be assessed on Thursday, January 15th beginning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. A call for volunteers was presented.
- 7. Spring Assessment Days: COAT will be voting on the spring assessment days. A suggestion was made to have one day to assess all skills with two separate sessions: the first beginning at 8:00 a.m., the second beginning at 1:00 p.m. One reason to do this is so that inter-rater reliability is maintained throughout the assessment of a particular objective. No decision or date was discussed. As in the past, the date will most likely occur during Maymester.
- **8. Other Business:** Faculty were reminded to check their email regarding the upcoming SACSCOC team visit.
- 9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18 at 4:00 p.m. at CHEC in room 225.

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