University-Wide Assessment Committee
Student Development
January 15, 2013
9:00 a.m., SNGL 112

Members present: Jennie Cassidy, Whitney Comer, Allison Faix, Stephen Harrison, Travis Overton, Frankie Weeks, Jilleian Sessions-Stackhouse, Pat Singleton-Young

Members absent: John Beard, Jean Ann Brakefield, Tara Josey, Chris Mee, Anne Monk, Geoff Parsons, Caesar Ross, Tom Woodle

Opening Remarks

Jennie Cassidy, Chair, convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. in SNGL 112 and welcomed all present.

Update on Student Services Focus Group Recommendations

There was no progress to report on the focus group recommendations.

2012 NSSE Report

Cassidy distributed a report entitled NSSE Comparison to Counterparts which she compiled. The report is divided into three sections: areas where CCU students are worse than counterparts, areas where CCU students are better than counterparts, and other areas with significant differences.

Discussion ensued regarding the findings in this report. It was decided that findings with an academic basis should be taken to the UWAC-Student Learning committee for further discussion and/or research. Cassidy also asked for suggestions to address the finding that spirituality is not high on the priority list for most students.

In regards to volunteer opportunities, Whitney Comer reported that opportunities will be presented during Welcome Week. Comer also stated that there has not been much consistency in Volunteer Services, however plans are in place to address this issue in the near future.

Steve Harrison reported that learning community opportunities will also improve with the addition of new facilities. He is currently working with both the College of Science and Honors Program to develop this area as well.

Jillieian Sessions-Stackhouse suggested that students would benefit from sharing more than one course in their first semester. For example, a common FYE and English class would promote a bond between the students and increase the quality of relationships with other students. This would also increase the possibility of collaborating outside the classroom on academics.

Travis Overton suggested that it would be useful to share with the admissions office information regarding the excessive number of hours that students reported socializing
and relaxing so that admissions’ messaging and promotions could be tailored toward improvement.

Whitney Comer informed the committee that voter registration does not have to be promoted in South Carolina, however there are student organizations that promote voting each fall. Patricia Singleton-Young suggested that Coastal should do more to promote this type of civic engagement.

**New Assessment Rubric**

The new assessment rubric to be used in reviewing assessment reports for areas represented on the committee was distributed. Committee members were asked to use the rubric to assess both the Housing report and the Campus Recreation report for the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the University-Wide Assessment Committee – Student Development will be on February 19, 2013 in SNGL 112. There being no further time to discuss business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.