University-Wide Assessment Committee
Student Development
February 19, 2013
9:00 a.m., SNGL 112

Members present: John Beard, Jean Ann Brakefield, Jennie Cassidy, Whitney Comer, Allison Faix, Stephen Harrison, Tara Josey, Chris Mee, Travis Overton, Caesar Ross, Frankie Weeks, Jilleian Sessions-Stackhouse

Members absent: Anne Monk, Geoff Parsons, Tom Woodle, Pat Singleton-Young

Opening Remarks

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

2013-2014 Assessment Plans

Cassidy reminded the committee that 2013-2014 assessment plans are past due for Student Affairs offices and need to be completed as soon as possible. The deadline for all student development areas is March 15, 2013.

Update on Student Services Focus Group Recommendations

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

2012 NSSE Report

Cassidy informed the committee that there was a mistake on the report distributed and discussed at the previous meeting. The correct terminology at the bottom of the first page is “contributed to your” rather than “emphasized”.

She also reported that Nelljean Rice, Dean of University College, informed her that logistically learning communities could not be scheduled together because of the rapid growth of the University, but during the one year that classes were scheduled together, it was successful in creating learning communities. Chris Mee noted that the recently convened Core Curriculum Congress is looking at the same possibility, at least scheduling FYE with one other core course. The committee decided that it would be appropriate to draft an endorsement to the Core Curriculum Congress supporting this endeavor.

Assessment Rubric for Campus Rec

Cassidy asked the committee to consider how it would be best to proceed with reviewing the assessment reports. Previously, she reviewed all reports, but the other University Wide Assessment Committees are moving toward committee review. Mee suggested dividing the reports among smaller groups and John Beard agreed that this would be advantageous in that a consensus can be reached through small group discussion. Mee suggested that the small groups read each report holistically and determine if it is obvious
what the department is attempting to convey. Beard suggested that comments are more helpful than just the numeric score.

Cassidy volunteered to divvy the reports up among the members of the committee and asked that they be reviewed by the next meeting. Tara Josey, who attended an assessment workshop, urged the committee members to do so as well, stating that it was very informative. Mee informed the committee that they can also contact the IRAA office for individual assistance.

**Review of University Housing Assessment Report**

Mee suggested that the current SLO under Goal 2 might be better suited as an objective instead. Discussion ensued as to how to effectively write an SLO versus an objective. It was recommended that SLOs need to address skills and abilities a student will have as they leave the University. Mee also reminded the committee that more is not always better when it comes to assessment reporting; one or two focus areas is often better.

**Next Meeting**

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