

SAAC

Student Achievement Assessment Committee

Meeting Minutes October 17, 2008

In attendance:

David Moon, Committee Chair & AVCAA
Kathryn Andrus, Teaching and Learning Center
Katie Kaukinen, Criminal Justice
Don Gardner, School of Business
Ed Chow, EAS & Computer Science
Sue Byerley, Library
Joe Wehrman, Counseling & Human Services
Lynne Calhoun, Assessment Office

Absent:

Jeff Broker, Biology
Fernando Feliu-Moggi, Languages & Culture
Marcia Hacker, Nursing
Robert King, Student Success
Ted Lamb, Institutional Research
Aditi Mitra, WEST & Sociology

Item/Activity Covered	Who will Follow-up	When
Erin Frew – David discussed progress to date, the meeting with Erin and that her references are currently being checked.	David	Next meeting
2007-08 Departmental Reporting Cycle – update on process.		
WEAVEonline – Orientation for new website. New upgrades have made WEAVEonline more user friendly and intuitive. As it is pretty much in line with our process, it will be acceptable to continue to use in future years.		
Assessment Website – very brief walk through of the website.		
VSA, CLA/Mapping(need to send out url for VSAQ website. www.voluntarysystem.org/index.cfm Some discussion of the Spellings Commission and call for proving value added by attending institutions of higher education. The VSA is a voluntary accountability system, which has developed in response to the call for accountability and is ‘controlled’ by higher education institutions. Our Provost decided that UCCS would participate. Since that decision was made, the Regents have mandated system wide participation. So we are a bit ahead of the game already. SAAC needs to make a decision as to the level of participation they would like to have in the process. Additionally, at the November meeting, there will be a call for discussion about the two potential tests. The MAPP, currently in use at UCCS versus the CLA. If we stay with MAPP there will be some changes to the administration process including the addition of including 100 entering freshman students. Q1. Is there a relationship between VSA and UCCS internal assessment and/or should there be? Q2. What is relationship between accountability and assessment?		
Faculty Associate – updated discussion, increased stipend and additional off-load for each semester could bring some interested folks out of the shadows.		
Norming will be done at November meeting.		
Next meeting will be Friday, November 21, 2008 Topics: Erin Frew, VSA, Norming, Distribution of reports received, brochure approval?		