

SOC Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2009 – 3:00-4:30 p.m., CTL Conference Room

In Attendance: Derek Borman (Chair), Dave Harris, Sam Martinez, Betty Parisek, Tim Florschuetz, Matt Ashcraft (ORP), Christina Santacruz Del Rosario (ORP), Dennis Mitchell (ORP).

CTL Sponsored Assessment Week: Derek presented the final discussion themes/titles that SOC will host during the CTL sponsored assessment week Oct. 19-23. Derek asked for volunteers to attend the discussions listed below. He warned that attendance for these CTL hosted discussion is historically low. Tim and Dave said they would try to attend the Wednesday discussion. Tim, Sam and Betty said they would try to make the Cuppa event on Friday.

- Tuesday, Oct. 20th, 1p.m. - Without Looking, Can You Name Every One of MCC's Student Outcomes?
- Wednesday, Oct. 21st, 1p.m. - Department Level Self-Study: Vision, Empowerment, Collaboration and Perspective
- Friday, Oct. 23rd, 9a.m. - Cuppa

2010 Bellwether Award Nomination: Matt informed the committee that ORP had received an email indicating that the student outcomes program had been nominated for the 2010 Bellwether Award from the Community College Futures Assembly. The flyer was passed around, and the nomination was discussed. It was determined that because the assessment program did not match the criteria for the award, the nominations were most likely sent out blindly. The committee decided not to apply for the award at this time.

Assessment Week 2009-2010: Derek once again discussed wanting to conduct a faculty survey to determine the efficacy of current student outcomes. The survey would both solicit feedback on outcomes and remind faculty of the student assessment program.

Matt updated the committee that ORP is in the process of hiring someone to conduct an item analysis of the Global Awareness pilot results, and that ORP is waiting on the global cluster to provide an answer key for the assessment.

Derek suggested that SOC focus on increasing recruitment for the Workplace skills assessment, and said that Jon D'Ambrosio is planning to attend future meetings to help with this goal.

Matt briefly discussed that the Noel Levitz student satisfaction survey would be administered during the Assessment Week 2010, but it would be made clear that it was not a SOC activity. Faculty volunteering sections for SOC would be given priority if also randomly selected for the Noel Levitz.

Derek reported that he gave a 40-50 minute presentation to the New Faculty Experience group, and had good discussions about SOC and student outcomes.

Dennis gave brief updates as to the status of ROC Projects. Nursing has finalized their modules for their PDA infusion program and are in the development stage. The critical thinking workshop project is moving ahead and on track to host workshops this fall. Books were ordered for the book club.

New Directions: Tim agreed to be a part of the ad hoc group tasked with reviewing the Information Literacy assessment. He requested that SOC find at least one member who created the original

instrument to be on the review committee so they have perspective on why certain questions exist in the instrument. Tim also asked to have a library faculty on the committee, and Derek said that he has already talked with Lorna Peralta about getting one.

Derek asked committee members to submit a small blurb about how they use assessment results/student outcomes in their classrooms. He plans to create a “best-practices” themed SOC newsletter using these descriptions.

Derek informed the committee that he will attend the DCA meeting to briefly ask department chairs to put student outcomes on their department meeting agendas for discussions.

Dave led the committee in a demonstration and discussion of a potential online tool for a Technology Literacy assessment. He obtained permission from the publisher to use the SAM program for assessment purposes. The program tests students on their allied knowledge of software. For example, a student would see a Windows desktop screen and be asked to create a new folder. The committee discussed whether this tool was more of a technology literacy assessment or a computer/software literacy assessment. Tim said that this software assessment could be a part of an entire technology literacy assessment instrument. Matt recommended that a faculty cluster be created to determine operational definitions for technology literacy and then develop an instrument. SOC could then recommend the outcome to the faculty senate.

Future Meeting Dates:

CTL Conference Room, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 12; Dec. 10; Jan. 14; Feb. 11; March 11; April 8