

UNIVERSITY ASSESSMENT STEERING COMMITTEE
Summary Note for Meeting #28: March 28, 2005

Attending: Patrick Benton (Aviation), Sue Brodasky (Institutional Effectiveness), Susan Caulfield (COGE), Kathy Cummings (EDUC), Brad Dennis (Libraries), Marianne DiPierro (Grad College), Eileen Evans (Institutional Effectiveness), Bruce Ferrin (HCOB), Linda Ickes (DOSA), Jim Leja (HHS), Linda Lumley (DOSA), Deb Newson (EUP), Dave Reinhold (USC), Bob Wertkin (HHS & Chair).

Guest: Peg Bernhard (EUP).

Absent: Ari-Gur, Barry-Davis, Bigelow, Blanchard, Denhartigh, Kiddle, Parker, Petts, Roth.

Wertkin called the meeting to order and asked for approval of Summary Note # 27. A motion to approve was passed (Caulfield/Ferrin).

Wertkin introduced Peg Bernhard who reported on assessment efforts at the EUP sites. Bernhard has examined the assessment plans for departments whose programs are offered at EUP sites. Most plans specified the involvement of the EUP sites in the planned assessments, but several departments were asked to clarify the involvement. Assessment reports from each college, due to the Provost on May 16th, should indicate any changes to the plans and should address EUP involvement where applicable.

Wertkin, reporting for Roth, provided a progress report on assessment plans from Blindness and Low Vision Studies and the MFA in Dance. The plan from BLVS will be distributed to the RACT for consideration before the next UASC meeting and the plan from Dance was recommended for approval (Caulfield/Benton). Motion passed.

Reinhold met with assessment committees in Math, Public Administration and Medieval Studies. The RACT will meet to make recommendations on Public Administration. Medieval Studies and Math will continue to work with Reinhold to improve their plans.

Dennis reported that Educational Studies is tabled until revisions are made.

Evans reported on the changes in membership to the UASC, noting the members whose terms expire in May. She also discussed the public presentations from the Assessment Fellows, described a series of "Taking the Pulse" meetings with faculty, and provided an update on the preparations for the focused visit from the Higher Learning Commission/North Central Accreditation. Five colleagues from WMU will attend the North Carolina State University assessment conference

Wertkin distributed a draft of an "assessment timeline" being prepared for the HCL/NCA report. Several changes were suggested and Wertkin will work with the HCL/NCA steering committee to edit the timeline.

The April 18th meeting will be Bob Wertkin's last meeting as chair of the committee. Eileen Evans promised treats at the May meeting. Dates for Upcoming UASC meetings: April 18, May 23 and June 20. All meetings will be held from 2:00-4:00 in Room 3150 Schneider Hall.