

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION GROUP
May 2, 2006, 1:30pm
SUB Alumni Room

Those Present: Garry Gordon, David Gillette, John Bohac, Glenn Wehner, Sue Pieper, Karen Smith, Nancy Asher, Marty Eisenberg, Jeremy Houser (for Jennifer Eldridge-Houser), John O'Brien, Scott Thatcher, Candy Young, Michael McManis, Dave Rector, Lou Ann Gilchrist, and Erika Woehlk

- I. Four budget handouts were distributed: 1A, 2A, 1B, and 2B. The differences are subtle, but involve the rotation period of the CSEQ and CSXQ and whether or not the MAPP is administered in 40 minutes or 2 hours.
- II. The Praxis Exam for MAE students
 - A. Paying or not paying for exit exams is a matter of equity; some are paid for, others are not. The University should decide one way or the other.
 - B. If a fee is incorporated into the existing graduation fee, the change will have to go through the President. However, if the students are just expected to pay for the Praxis themselves, they would deal with the testing company and Truman would not need to raise the graduation fee.
 - C. DESE has a State requirement of teachers passing the Praxis in the 20th percentile or above; the CBHE recommends the 50th percentile. Truman's requirement is the 50th percentile.
 - D. There is an option for students to apply for financial aid regarding the Praxis.
 - E. The DIG would like to recommend that the MAE students pay for the Praxis themselves. However, they would like feedback from the Education Division. **Therefore, the DIG recommends that the Vice President speak with Sam Minner, Dean of Education, regarding the Praxis.**
- III. Portfolio Project
 - A. **The DIG recommends that the work week for the Portfolio Project be cut from 40 hours to 32, that the readers sample the Portfolios, and that the stipend be kept at \$500.**
 - B. It will be up to the Portfolio Director to determine how these recommendations will be implemented.
- IV. Graduating Record Exam (GRE)
 - A. **The DIG recommends that the Assessment and Testing Office cease paying for students to take the GRE effective fiscal year 2007.**
 - B. **The DIG recommends that those disciplines administering the GRE administer the CLA to their graduating seniors instead.**
 - C. The GRE will still be offered at Truman for those students who need to take it for graduate school entrance. But, the students will be responsible for paying for it.

- D. [At a previous meeting, the DIG recommended that those disciplines offering the GRE find a replacement exam or develop their own.]

V. Junior Tests

- A. The MAPP is available in a shortened, 40-minute version. If we were to go with that, the time expectations for students taking the MAPP will equal those of the CAAP.
- B. **The DIG recommends that a group of faculty read over the shortened MAPP.** From that point, a decision will be made about whether or not to administer it in that way.

VI. CSEQ/CSXQ Rotation

- A. **The DIG recommends that the CSEQ and CSXQ be administered every-other year beginning in fiscal year 2007.**
- B. **The DIG recommends that the CSEQ be given immediately after the CAAP (and after the MAPP if the 40-minute version is chosen).** This way, at least 50% of the students will complete the survey; possibly 100% if the short MAPP is acceptable.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

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