

SOC Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2009, CTL Conference Room, 3:00-4:30 pm

Assessment Week 2008-2009 -

The committee reviewed faculty comments from Assessment Week, and discussed several negative comments about the Global Awareness pilot. Tim suggested maybe making the Global Awareness assessment entirely essay based.

Derek reported that zero students took the online pilot assessment, and only two faculty members completed it. Derek went over the process he used to create the assessment using the Hosted Test software. Tim commented that when he took the pilot, the essay question was the first question asked and that might have scared students away. He also suggested the possibility of giving students more than one week to be able to log in and take an online assessment. Derek said he would look into why the essay question came up first, and also asked ORP to see if Hosted Test could provide information on if students logged into the testing site, but did not complete the assessment.

Derek discussed revamping the Assessment Report to be more friendly and accessible, including developing a stand along executive summary document. Currently, the summary is buried in the back of the report.

Graduate Student Research Request –

Derek reminded the committee of a request by a graduate student to conduct interviews about student assessment at MCC, and requested members be available to talk with the student.

Assessment Week 2009-2010 –

The committee discussed possible courses of action for next year's assessment week, including: a year with no assessments to concentrate on ROC and assessment review, having activities with faculty to encourage better use of assessment data, and a survey administered to faculty about what assessments are important in an attempt to find out if sentiments has changed since the inception of the assessment program at MCC.

Future Meeting Dates

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CTL Conference Room, 3:00-4:30 p.m.