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Assessment of Student Learning University of Minnesota, Morris

DATE April 18, 2003

SUBJECT: Assessment of Student Learning Committee Minutes

PRESENT: Dian Lopez (Chair), Katherine Benson, Nancy Helsper, Stephen Burks , Michelle Page, Rujira Rojjanaprayon, and Tim Soderberg,

GUESTS: Sandy Olson-Loy and Steve Granger

ABSENT: Tim O'Keefe, Sarah Black, and Chris Heuther

The meeting began at 8:00 AM in the Prairie Lounge.

NSSE Report 2002

Copies of The College Student Report 2002 and the power point presentation were distributed to the members.

A PowerPoint presentation by Sandy Olson-Loy highlighted the results of the National Survey of Student Engagement Survey 2002. Olson-Loy said the Benchmark data indicates whether or not the goals of General Education are being met. The National Benchmarks of Effective Educational Practice include: 1) level of academic challenge, 2) active and collaborative learning, 3) student-faculty interactions, 4) enriching educational experiences, and 5) supportive campus environment. The Benchmark Report represents clusters of items on the survey and is expressed in 100-point scales. Each year, NSSE calculates benchmark scores to monitor performance at the institutional, sector, and national level.

Olson-Loy said that the survey contains 80 items, and that the survey is administered randomly to First-Year students and Seniors. UMM had a response rate of 40% (355 responses), compared to the national response rate of 42%. Helsper said that last year was the first year that the survey was administered on campus, and that they plan to do this every 2 years.

Discussion followed the PowerPoint presentation. Helsper noted that this survey was administered April 2002, during the same time that a couple of other surveys were being administered. Burks said that he is very impressed with the survey, and that it has lot of potential. Page commented that the survey results provide valuable information. Helsper said a question for our committee should be how to determine ways to use the feedback from the survey for improvement. Burks commented that feedback from the survey should also be brought to Campus Assembly. Helsper will put the power point presentation on the ASL web-site.

Lopez asked for comments or corrections to the ASL Minutes dated 3/21/03. Helsper noted 2 corrections to the minutes. Motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the amended minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Pederson

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