

COE Assessment Committee Minutes  
May 11, 2006

COE Assessment Committee Agenda  
May 11, 2006 at 4:00 in Room 128

1. Welcome and Appreciations
2. Give an overview of the October accreditation visit.
3. Discuss vision: “Positively Impacting Learning Through Evidence-Based Practices”
4. Discuss the definition of “Evidence-Based Practices”
  - Whitehurst (2002) definition – *“The integration of professional wisdom with the best available empirical evidence in making decisions about how to deliver instruction.”*
  - How do we operationalize the definition?
5. Update of COE assessment system and data collected.
6. Discussion timeline for accreditation visit and COE assessments.
7. Review COE candidate data.
8. Discussion how the information from assessment systems and data can assist in the decision making process of improving educational programs.
9. Discuss when and how often we should meet.

The COE Assessment Committee met in the Dewar Education Building in room 128 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

- Julie Lee gave an overview of the October NCATE & PSC accreditation visit. Dr. Lee also presented the timeline for accreditation visit and COE assessments.
  
- The COE Assessment Committee members had an extensive discussion of the COE vision: “Positively Impacting Learning Through Evidence-Based Practices.” The discussion included the definition of “Evidence-Based Practices”
  - Whitehurst (2002) definition – “*The integration of professional wisdom with the best available empirical evidence in making decisions about how to deliver instruction.*”
  - The committee developed a proposed and operational definition of Evidence-Based Practices to be presented at Executive Committee.
  
- An update of the COE assessment system and the data collected were presented by Dr. Julie Lee
  
- COE candidate data for Fall 2005 Semester were reviewed. Followed by a discussion where recommendations were made for program and unit improvements (e.g., the COE Disposition Survey was modified base on recommendations from committee members).
  
- There was a group discussion of how the information from assessment systems and data could assist in the decision making process of improving educational programs.
  
- The group decided to meet once a semester, unless additional meetings are needed.
  
- Next meeting will be announced for the fall 2006 at VSU.

Positively Impacting Learning Through Evidence-Based Practices  
COE Assessment Committee Recommended Definitions

1. Evidence-based practice is rooted in professional wisdom and/or systematic inquiry and when properly implemented in appropriate settings has been demonstrated to be an effective method of school-based practice that improves teaching and learning.

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