

**NOTES FROM MEETING OF
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE
ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES
September 6, 2007
12:30 p.m. 201 Education Administration Building**

Present: Dr. Judith Cochran (presiding), Dr. Thomas Eyssell, Dr. James O'Brien, Dr. Gerda Ray, Mr. Michael Cunningham, Ms. Joan M. Arban (scribe)

The fact that UM-St. Louis has core learning objectives for the University but perhaps not for each separate department/division was noted and discussed. It was decided that in time for the next meeting, each representative on the Committee will determine and report on (1) student learning objectives (educational outcomes) for their particular department, (2) curricular objectives for one of their courses, (3) the evaluation policy for their department, and (4) the identity of the person responsible for monitoring one or all of the above. At the suggestion of Dr. O'Brien, it was determined after the meeting that this material, if provided to Ms. Marcia Blackburn, Office Assistant in the Faculty Senate/University Assembly Office, by e-mail, can be posted on the web for general viewing.

Minutes from the final April meeting of the 2006-07 Committee were reviewed.

Dr. Cochran called on Mr. Cunningham for a report. He distributed a folder to each person present containing very helpful information. (Copies of this material are available for absentees by contacting Mr. Cunningham at 5198.) During the course of his remarks Mr. Cunningham expressed particular concern about general education assessment. There is a General Education Inquiry Group, on which Dr. Donald Gouwens, the former committee chairperson, sits. Another resource person was suggested by Ms. Arban: Dr. Nancy Gleason, of the Honors College, who chaired the General Education Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Instruction several years ago. Dr. Keith Stine also was recommended as a resource regarding undergraduate studies.

It was decided that the Committee will meet monthly. **The next meeting is set for Thursday, October 4th, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in room 201 of the Education Administration Building (accessible through Marillac Hall).** The agenda for that meeting is as follows: (1) summary of testing and answering of questions by Mr. Cunningham (20 minutes), (2) presentation by each committee member of their department's educational outcomes, with overheads prepared for discussion (20 minutes), and (3) presentation of educational outcomes by the College of Business Administration by Dr. Eyssell.

Respectfully submitted,

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