Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Committee
Meeting minutes
April 23, 2008
1:00-2:30 a.m.
Room 1307 (VCR)

Present: Sally Scofield, Wayne Takakuwa, Deb Parziale, Jon Degallier, Yvette Niccolls, Susan Myers.

1. Announcements
Need to identify a committee chair for next year.

John Nash is evaluating the outcomes for the Title III grant. He will send us a proposal for how he can help us measure outcomes at the course, program, and institutional levels. There is a workshop the 3rd week in June. We can have up to 20 faculty attend and pay for this with Title III funds.

2. Approval of Minutes
Minutes from March 12, 2008 meeting approved.

3. Review Nursing Program Review
Sally Scofield presented the Nursing Program Review. The National League of Nursing and the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) impose outcomes, which is how the department builds the curriculum. The outcomes are all incorporated into the courses and methods were created to assess these outcomes. The committee reviewed some examples of outcomes assessments, such as the admission, retention, and graduation rates for the program, NCLEX pass rates, and the number of students that meet the requirements for the A.S. degree. These are all required by the BRN.

Discussion point: should other programs consider looking at retention rates for courses?

The Nursing program also conducts surveys of graduates at 12 and 18 months after graduation. The students rate themselves on learning outcomes. Employers are also surveyed and asked to rate the graduates on these outcomes as well, then the answers are compared to those of the students. There is a high degree of correlation between the answers. Program improvements are then made based on feedback from these instruments, for instance, the Nursing course sequence was adjusted.

4. Review WASC annual report on Student Learning Outcomes
Item tabled.

5. Review revised committee charter
The committee reviewed the revised committee charter.

6. Other Business

7. Future meeting times
The final meeting for the spring will be on Wednesday, May 7 from 1:00-2:30 in the Video Conference Room.