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USFSP General Education Committee
Meeting Minutes: 2/11/10

Present: Tom Carter, Dawn Cecil, Morgan Gresham, Tina Neville, Ernie Gonzalez, Tiffany Chenneville

Ernie Gonzalez informed the committee about a conference on compliance certification that was being held on campus and invited us to attend to if we wanted to see a discussion of what the GE committee did last year. In preparing the group for Assessment Day (March 19, 2010), he stressed the importance of finding out what changes have been made since last year. This will help us understand how the data have been put into action in the GE classes. He provided the group with the Proficiency Profile Data (formerly known as MAPP data). The committee still needs other data from Ernie (e.g., NSSE), which he promised to compile before the next meeting. Returning to a discussion of Assessment Day we were told that morning session is for the GE task force meetings and the afternoon session will be for Academic Learning Compacts. We discussed with Ernie our plans for the day. We plan to have six breakout groups and include discussions of ALAMAE and exit courses within the breakout groups as applicable.

Next the committee discussed the issue of assessment. It was determined that better communication is needed in order to be able to get the data that we need from those teaching GE courses. One suggestion was to identify GE courses and send the information specifically to the professors who are teaching those classes (rather than a mass e-mail).

Morgan updated the committee on the process to approve new GE courses. After the committee makes a decision on a course request, a memo is sent to Dr. Noonan and Dr. Brie Reck and the application is approved by them. Morgan is doing this for Dr. Walters' GE course request that the GE committee heard in January 2010.

The committee agreed to schedule the next GE committee meeting for Thursday, March 4 at 1:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned.