

General Studies / Academic Foundations
Assessment Group

February 12, 2008
2 – 4 PM, University Commons – Conference Center Room C

The “making sense” meeting at which assessment data will be discussed will take place in the **February 12, 2008 in Conference Center Room C (2-4 PM)**. During this meeting, we will organize breakout groups for each of the four domains (Critical Thinking, Communication, Integrity/Values, and Project Management). Departments that assessed student learning in a common domain will discuss their findings and share best practices for improving student learning in that domain. Departments that assess student learning outcomes in two different domains (e.g., one outcome in Critical Thinking and one outcome in Project Management) should send two representatives so that one representative can participate in each domain group. The interpretation and use of data from the syllabus review will also occur at this meeting.

Agenda

1. Updates
 - a. Response to the Second Monitoring Report to SACS
 - b. Status of the syllabus review project
2. Reports of assessments from departments
 - a. Successes – evidence of student learning; rubrics and assessments that worked well
 - b. Areas that need attention – difficulties with assessment instruments; evidence that some SLOs might need attention in the curriculum
3. Breakout activity (one group per domain: Communication, Critical Thinking, Integrity/Values, Project Management)
 - a. Identify strengths and weakness in student learning in each of the four domains
 - b. Discuss typical obstacles to student learning in this domain
 - c. Share experiences across departments regarding instructional strategies that have helped students overcome these obstacles.
4. Establish plans for the assessment of Academic Foundations/General Studies in Fall 2008
5. Adjournment