Assessment Council Follow-Up Meeting
February 26, 2014

Presiding Officer: Keri Franklin

Members Present: Kelly Cara, Peter Collins, Bill Edgar, Keri Franklin, Lyn Gattis, Lisa Hall, Tabitha Haynes, Shyang Huang, Mary Ann Jennings, Michelle Olsen, Patti Salinas,
Members Not Present: Sarah Gray, Libby Rozell, Rachelle Darabi, Tabitha Haynes, James Sottile, Taylor Mize, Sue Webb, Crystal Gale, Rachel Schober, Dana Frederick, Juan Meraz, Jan Atwell, Diana Piccolo, Thomas Lane, Christi Sudbrock

Call to Order: 3:30 PM

Minutes:
• Reviewed previous minutes from early February meeting
• Went over purpose and non-purpose of meeting
• University Exit Exam discussion regarding add-on questions
  o Can we cut questions we don’t use? (i.e., Remove everything but 1, 10, and 11.)
    ▪ Keep question about plans to attend grad school at MSU or elsewhere
  o Can we replace Public Affairs Scale short form with long form?
    ▪ No conclusions. Changes to wait until a later discussion.
  o Can we add some open-ended questions to get at students’ understanding of public affairs themes related to our mission?
    ▪ Mixed support from Council members for open-ended questions due to time required of students and concerns about quality of responses
    ▪ Suggestions to have students write what public affairs means to them
  o Recommendation
    ▪ Leave the departmental part for later. The departmental pieces are out of the scope of the overall-university survey covered in GEN 499.
    ▪ Keep the public affairs items that are already validated and use those as prompts for the open-ended items (the scaled items should set up students’ thinking for the writing portion).
    ▪ Create a similar scale for gen ed (create a validated scale and some open-ended prompts).
• Homework
  o Talk to your colleagues about the data you are collecting.
  o Use Dr. Olsen as a resource and thinking partner to learn how to combine what you collect with structured data on campus.
  o Be sure to include those student identifiers that help connect the data (MNumber, first name, last name, date of birth)
    ▪ Also, make sure the data is as complete as possible

Meeting Adjourned: 5:10 PM