

**Student Affairs Assessment Council**  
**Minutes**  
**October 19, 2011**

**Attendance:** Rebecca Sanderson, Maureen Cochran, Luke Schalewski, Eric Hansen, Jodi Nelson, Jennifer Viña, Melissa Yamamoto, Kami Hammerschmith, Ann Robinson, Lauren Plaza, Dave Craig, Kent Sumner, Angela Baxter, Linda Reid

**Student Affairs Division Strategic Plan**

The first meeting of the Strategic Planning Initiative groups (all groups) will be on Tuesday, November 8 from 11:30am-2pm in room 109 of the Memorial Union. Lunch will be catered.

**Book Club**

Suggestions to date:

- Assessment Methods for Student Affairs – John Schuh & Associates
- Assessment Reconsidered-Institutional Effectiveness for Student Success – Keeling, Wall, Underhili & Dungy
- Assessing Student Learning: A Common Sense Guide (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) --Suskie

Other ideas are welcome; if you have any other ideas for books or if you are interested in being a part of the book club, e-mail [Maureen](mailto:Maureen).

**Speaker Ideas**

- The Council is interested in inviting 2 speakers to campus for professional development. It was decided that it would be beneficial to invite Marilee Bresciani to the summer Assessment Council Retreat to work closely with the group. Then the group could meet for a second day to accomplish the planning portion of the retreat.
  - *Update since the Council meeting: Marilee has agreed to attend the Assessment Council Retreat on June 21, 2012. The retreat will take place June 21-22.*
- Maureen and Jodi suggested bringing Donna Mertens to campus as a speaker who would appeal to a wider audience. Mertens spoke at the recent Oregon Program Evaluators Network conference that Jodi, Jo and Maureen attended in Portland about linking social justice to evaluation. The Council agreed that this would tie in well with last year's work on the cultural rubric and may give us an opportunity to understand some of its potential applications. Also she got rave reviews from those who heard her that she is a great speaker—very down to earth.

**Center for Teaching & Learning**

Rebecca recently attended a workshop put on by the Center for Teaching and Learning. The workshop was facilitated by Linda Nilson and was about teaching to how the brain works in order to improve teaching effectiveness. The power point and handouts will be available on the [CTL website](#). CTL offers some great professional development sessions; watch their [offerings](#) for opportunities!

**Other News**

The Intercultural Student Services Department has formed a small assessment committee in order to start bringing assessment into their program practices (congratulations!!). Since we all know how difficult it is to get started with this process, please send any helpful suggestions or techniques their way. [Start SMALL was emphasized by the people present at the meeting]

**Next Meetings:**

November 2, 2011  
MU Council Rm  
9-10:30

November 16, 2011  
MU Council Rm  
9-10:30