

Minutes of the HOAP Committee
October 03, 2012

In Attendance: Judith Ciampi, Joanna Fortna, Nancy Garcia, Suzanne Van Wert, Ellen Wentland

Discussion: The committee discussed the report on last year's Information Literacy Assessment. We considered whether the report should name (as a means of thanking) instructors who provided student products. We decided against it since college-wide assessment results should not be linked to specific instructors or classes. Instead a letter of thanks will be sent to those who participated and to the raters who assessed the products.

We also considered how best to disseminate the report to the college. We decided that division meetings would be an appropriate venue. HOAP committee members will meet again to consolidate the pertinent information from the report into a single-page handout which can be distributed at each of the division meetings. Ellen Wentland will request a schedule of division meetings from each dean and ask to be included on the agenda. HOAP committee members from each of the divisions can then present the consolidated report to their colleagues.

We discussed which core academic skill we should assess this year. Because the AMCOA group will be piloting an assessment asking all colleges to forward products in the areas of writing, critical thinking, and quantitative reasoning, and because our last QR assessment did not yield results which felt valid to the college community, we elected to assess QR this year. The new PIF grant will provide stipends for coaches in each of the core skills, and we will ask the QR coach to be a member of the HOAP committee in order to advise us in designing and processing the college assessment of that skill.