

CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING
ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE
NOTES
February 20, 2008

ATTENDING: Chris Curran, Jim DePaepe, Ian Loverro, Ian Quitadamo, Steve Stein, Crystal Weddington

MEETING CONVENED: The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF NOTES: The notes for the February 6, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

REPORTS:

Jim DePaepe gave a brief update on the analysis of data and preparation of Program Reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ida Asner, Solutions Consultant for LiveText gave a demonstration of the upgrades and updates soon to come for the LiveText Software.

Promises were made as to the upgrades LiveText expects to make in technology. One significant improvement Ida promised would take place by Summer was the ability to access student results using student identification numbers. Jim told Ida that we were not pleased with the level of support and the time it has taken for system improvement. In addition, he pointed out that it was taking too long to update standards. Ida expressed her concern and asked if she could return with the head of technological development to have more in depth conversations with CWU regarding improvement suggestion. Jim indicated that while he was on the advisory board for LiveText that many suggestions for improvement were voiced, but none of them have been adopted. He also indicated that CWU was looking at other alternatives. Feedback from students and faculty are mixed and slightly in favor of exploring alternative systems. Ida asked for a concrete example, a Jim handed her the analysis OREA had conducted regarding standards analysis across program, which had to be aggregated by staff instead of electronically. This type of meta-analysis, as he put it, is tantamount to understanding how well students are performing across programs as well as across the unit. Jim also stated that CWU has partnered with Question-Pro to design an on-line survey system, which would replace the forms function on LiveText, because LiveText failed to upgrade the survey system adequately.

The other members of the committee supported these comments. Ida took the information, and said she would definitely take this seriously and report back to the main office.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

NEXT MEETING: March 5, 2008.