

BORTAP Core Competencies Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Competencies Review Work Group
July 13, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Middlesex Community College

Present: Deb Weiss (chair), Dave Stoloff, Ron Picard, Elle Van Dermark, Patty Raymond, Susan Steiz, Fran Coan

Call to Order: D. Weiss called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

1. The group agreed to systematically review each competency, goal, and set of outcomes for both content and grammar. D. Weiss explained that, for the sake of consistency and clarity, she had taken the liberty of rewording each competency to begin with the words “students will” and numbered outcomes that in some cases were bulleted. Those present approved these modifications without discussion.

2. Some discussion took place concerning providing the subcommittees with some guidelines concerning a desired minimum or maximum number of outcomes per competency. While the steering committee did not issue such guidelines, the group noted that most subcommittees crafted four to six outcomes, which those present agreed was about right.

3. The work group agreed that D. Weiss, in her role as chair, will provide feedback directly to each subcommittee and ask each subcommittee chair to discuss said feedback with subcommittee members. Liaisons will be available to provide clarification and answer questions as needed. Subcommittee chairs will be asked to e-mail responses to D. Weiss, either approving the work group’s recommendations or not as the case may be. Once the work group and every subcommittee are in agreement on final drafts of each competency, goal, and outcome, the work group will bring the drafts to the full steering committee for consideration.

4. The group reviewed all eight competencies, goals, and sets of outcomes. While those present suggested only relatively limited and minor changes to the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning, Critical Analysis and Logical Thinking, Historical Knowledge and Understanding, and Social Phenomena language, they approved more significant modifications to the Written and Oral Communications, Continuing Learning, Scientific Knowledge and Understanding, and Aesthetic and Ethical Dimensions language. The group agreed that the goal is to work in tandem with each subcommittee to draft a finished product, not dictate changes to the subcommittees.

Next Meeting: July 20 at Middlesex. The Competency Review Work Group meeting time will be announced, while the Credit Framework Work Group will convene at 9:30 a.m. The full steering committee will meet at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Coan