## **COMPASS STEERING COMMITTEE NOTES**

June 10, 2004 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. District Office – Board Room

### I. English Presentation by John Mitchell (Dale Rohrbach will be invited)

Kim Boose noted that Highland Lakes and Orchard Ridge are using a different form for placement into English than the other campuses. Kelli Van Buren will address this issue at Highland Lakes and Mary Jo Schuster at Orchard Ridge. A copy of this form can be obtained by contacting Mary Sevegney at the Royal Oak Campus.

Doug Riddering suggested that IT look at the scores on COMPASS and inquired about the use of weighted score results. It is possible to weight scores within Colleague, but not on COMPASS. He suggested using Teresa Shadley, Datatel consultant for this project.

Kim Boose presented a letter from John Mitchell regarding proposed changes to the COMPASS English cut-off scores. Mary Jo Schuster tested students in an Eng-1051 writing class and discovered that 22 students out of 44 scored below 20. She stated that there was no correlation between the test scores and the grades the students earned and underscored the necessity of offering programs for students who place below the minimum score in English. Mary Jo suggested bringing this concern to the Developmental Ed Committee.

Doug Riddering suggested that students be allowed to retest the 1<sup>st</sup> day of class. Currently, the English Department does not provide this option to their students like the ESL Department.

Mary Jo Schuster and Chuck Neumann recommend that students take the English Placement test and Math tests separate.

Carla Mathews will consult with the English Department and Nancy Showers from Institutional Research with regard to English placement. There may be a need for re-evaluation.

Wanda Pernell-Harris noted the student's attitude can make a difference on the assessment tests and that a tone should be set – it is strictly for placement purposes.

Chuck Neumann stated his belief that the discipline should have the responsibility to set the cut scores and that there needs to be proposed research shown to this committee before moving forward. Carla agreed that the discipline should make recommendations based on research and the proposal should then be presented to the Steering Committee for information, input and discussion.

#### II. Report by Institutional Research

Not presented at this time.

# III. Presentation by Janice Brown-Williams and Kelli Van Buren on ESL COMPASS Test

Not presented at this time.

#### IV. Other Business

Doug Riddering stated that Auburn Hills is using a computer orientation program and it is given before testing. The student has the option to take the test immediately following orientation or schedule for a later time.

Mary Jo Schuster inquired about the average scores on the COMPASS writing test and recommended that Institutional Research provide a report. She also noted that she has not seen any ENGP0 students for at least a year. Dale Rohrbach, PASS Services, brought up a concern as to consistent handling of ENGP0 students college wide.

Future agenda items:

- TOEFL Scores
- Catalog/Schedule who these are sent to for review before publication.

Next meeting: October 1, 2004

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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