

## COMPASS STEERING COMMITTEE NOTES

November 5, 2004  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
District Office – Board Room

### I. Presentation on Web based COMPASS Testing

Debra FitzGerald, Midwest consultant from ACT, gave a presentation on web based COMPASS Testing. Some were disappointed to find that remote web based testing would still need to be proctored at OCC for security reasons.

### II. MTELP exemptions for students who have taken TOEFL

The following proposal from the ESL discipline to the COMPASS Steering Committee on ESL assessment was made:

- *A student may be exempt from taking the MTELP and be able to enroll in ENGLISH 1510 if she/he presents an official TOEFL score of 550 (or computer-based TOEFL score of 213) and an official TWE score of 5.0. Both official scores must be presented to appropriate college personnel in order to be exempt.*

A TOEFL score of 550 and a TWE score of 5.0 are average scores for most colleges. It is believed that most students can handle the task demands of most college courses with these scores.

It was noted that the TWE score is now factored into the COMPASS based TOEFL score, but Mike Khirallah will provide further clarification.

The proposal from the ESL discipline is being held until the next meeting. Carla will take this recommendation to George Keith for further consideration.

The Assessment/Requisite Exemption form is being revised by the campus Directors' of Student Services in order to simplify the form. The committee has suggested the creation of two separate forms – one for prerequisites and one for placement.

### III. Other

Sally Hanna noted that the partnership breakfast with the Waterford high school counselors is a great opportunity for OCC to promote programs.

