Jefferson Davis Community College  
General Education Program and Student Learning Outcomes  

Meeting Minutes  

February 14, 2007, 1:00 p.m., Hines Classroom 6  

Present: Deborah Albritton, Carol Bates, Mike Tedder, Sue Laing, Linda Miller, Latitia McCane, Beulah Patton, Ann Lambert  

Next meeting: March 14, 2007, 1 p.m., Hines Classroom 6  

Items of Discussion  

- Course-level student learning outcomes  
- QEP topic and student learning outcomes  
- Reminder to collect SLOs data and evaluate data at the end of spring  
- Outcomes workshop in Atlanta in April  

Discussion  

There is a renewed emphasis from SACS on measuring course-level student learning outcomes. Previously the committee has been concerned with Program Student learning outcomes including general education. The team members examined the course syllabi requirements online by viewing the Department of Post Secondary’s web site. It was determined that most courses already have student learning outcomes.  

The committee asked several questions. Carol told the committee she would do her best to find out the answers at the conference in March.  

- Are all classes required to use the same instruments for measuring outcomes?  
- What documentation is kept? For example, do we keep all of the papers/projects/portfolios or just a sample.  
- How long do we keep the documentation?  

The QEP topic selection process is tied to general education student learning outcomes. The QEP team will work with this committee in the development of learning outcomes for the QEP focus. The QEP topic and initiatives should evolve from institutional effectiveness data and research.  

Respectfully submitted,  

Carol Bates
General Education Student Learning Outcomes

Faculty and staff are committed to enhancing student development through a variety of learning experiences while attending the college. This commitment includes maintaining the highest form of instruction that promotes success after graduation as students transfer to a four year university or enter the work place. The general education courses provide the knowledge, skills, and values essential to all academic disciplines. These courses expose students to commonly recognized areas of knowledge, introduce students to diverse subject areas, and equip students with skills essential and necessary for careers and life-long learning.

Emphasis is placed on the following student learning outcomes:

- Graduates will demonstrate effective composition skills.
- Graduates will demonstrate effective communication skills.
- Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of major historical events affecting their own culture and other cultures.
- Graduates will explain the contributions of diverse groups to the advancement of western civilization.
- Graduates will use computers to achieve academic, work-related, and personal goals.
- Graduates will demonstrate the ability to compute basic mathematical operations accurately, comprehend mathematical information, and utilize analytical thinking skills to solve problems.
- Graduates will exhibit an ability to use scientific reasoning and scientific methods to make observations, to answer questions, and to gather and interpret data.