

DHE Learning Outcomes Assessment Update



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Amcoa Team



- ▶ **First meeting held September 29 at UMass Lowell:**
 - Dr. Patricia O'Brien SND from NEASC and the role of assessment in accreditation
 - Determining the charge for Amcoa for 2016–2017
- ▶ **Next meetings will be:**
 - February 2, 2017; snow date February 17 (Middlesex Community College)
 - March 31, 2017 (Quinsigamond Community College)
- ▶ **The Annual Assessment Conference will be April 21, 2017.**
- ▶ **Sites under consideration include:**
 - The Hogan Center at Holy Cross College
 - Southbridge Conference Center



Task Force on Statewide Assessment



- ▶ **Met on October 18 at Framingham State University**
 - Engaged discussion about how to continue to advance the culture of assessment in public higher education in Massachusetts given external and internal constraints
 - Animated discussion about institutional challenges to advancing the culture of assessment based on an article by Dr. Laurie Occhipinti from Mount Wachusett Community College from *Thought & Action*, Summer 2016.
- ▶ Scheduled an additional meeting for January 19, 2017 (Quinsigamond Community College) in addition to the previously scheduled meeting on March 10, 2017 at Worcester State University



Mass. Team

- ▶ We have decided to merge the Mass. Team back into the Task Force:
 - Membership survey (67% response rate) noted a lack of consensus of the role, tangible outcomes, or charter
 - Membership is duplicative of Amcoa, the Task Force, and the state-level MSC Steering Committee
 - No specific state-wide assessment need that is currently uncovered



Multi-State Collaborative to Advance Quality Student Learning

- ▶ Eleven Massachusetts participants
- ▶ Mass. planning meeting held October 27
- ▶ Still trying to create an opportunity for small institutions (enrollment of less than 1,200)
- ▶ Mass. institutions are submitting their sample plans for approval and will have access to their institutional data by next week
- ▶ Webinar scheduled for December 7 to review the Demonstration Year (2015–2016) national data
- ▶ Most participants will collect artifacts in spring 2017.



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Faculty Collaboratives



- ▶ Mass. Transfer Pathways:
 - Validate and distribute learning outcomes for Biology, Chemistry (Intro. to Chemistry I/II), and Economics foundation courses (by March 2017)
 - Create and distribute learning outcomes for foundational courses for Chemistry (Intro. To Organic Chemistry I/II), History, Political Science, and Psychology (by April 2017); and for English and Sociology (by May 2017).
 - Create an assessment informational HUB
 - Develop an Assessment 101 course



Faculty Collaboratives

- **MTP Teleconference Kickoff Meetings held as follows:**
 - Economics: Jan. 4 at 1:00pm
 - Chemistry: Jan. 5 at 10:00am
 - Biology: Jan. 5 at 1:00pm
 - Psychology: Jan. 11 at 10:00am
 - History: Jan. 24 at 3:00pm
 - Political Science: Feb. 6 at 1:00pm
- ▶ **Creating an assessment Informational HUB working with DHE Web Designer**



Assessment 101 – Sample

- ▶ Assessment vocabulary
- ▶ Learning outcomes
- ▶ Formative vs. summative assessment
- ▶ Direct vs. indirect assessment
- ▶ Collecting evidence
- ▶ Rubrics
- ▶ Backward design
- ▶ Assignment design



Closing & Thank You

- ▶ Questions & Answers
- ▶ What needs do you have that I can address?
- ▶ How can I be more of assistance to your efforts?

