

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
- ▶ **Second meeting held December 2 at Holyoke Community College:**
 - Dr. Maureen O'Shea, Cape Cod Community College and Inter-Rater Reliability
 - DHE Updates
 - Finalized Amcoa's charge for 2016–2017
- ▶ **Next meetings will be:**
 - February 2, 2017; snow date February 17 (Middlesex Community College)
 - March 31, 2017 (Quinsigamond Community College)

Amcoa 6th Annual Assessment Conference

- ▶ **The Annual Assessment Conference will be April 21, 2017:**
 - Dr. Susan Albertine, Senior Scholar, AAC&U to be keynote speaker
 - Dr. Natasha Jankowski, Director, NILOA, and Research Assistant Professor with the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership at the University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign
 - Learning Assessment Research Consortium (LARC)
 - Fellow assessment directors, deans, and faculty presenters
 - Programming being designed using MSC results

- ▶ **Sites under consideration include:**
 - Boxborough Regency
 - Westborough Doubletree

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.

- ▶ **Met on January 19, 2017 at Quinsigamond Community College:**
 - ▶ Reviewed the MSC vs. Mass. results and action recommendations
 - ▶ Presented the *Excellence in Assessment* certification

- ▶ **Final scheduled meeting on March 10, 2017 at Worcester State University**

Multi-State Collaborative to Advance Quality Student Learning

- ▶ Eleven Massachusetts participants
- ▶ Mass. planning meeting held October 28 and January 17, 2017.
- ▶ Taskforce Webinar held December 7 to unveil MSC Project (i.e., national) data for the Demonstration Year (2015–2016)
- ▶ Mass. MSC data presented to the Task Force on January 19, 2017.
- ▶ 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).

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**

Informational HUB

What's Happening at the DHE?	What's Happening Around Massachusetts?
Amcoa Team: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Membership– Meeting agendas– Presentation handouts	UMass System: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Amherst– Boston– Dartmouth– Lowell
Task Force on Statewide Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Membership– Meeting agendas– Presentation handouts	State Universities:
Annual Amcoa Assessment Conference:	Community Colleges:
Resource Links	The Multi-State Collaborative:
Assessment articles	

Advancing a Massachusetts Culture of Assessment

▶ **Learning Assessment Research Consortium:**

- Free, modular, online learning outcomes assessment training program
- Modules include:
 - Assessment benefits & barriers
 - Demystifying assessment
 - Goals and objectives
 - Gathering data
 - Using assessment data
 - Developing sustainable assessment practices
- Met the design team on January 30, 2017.
- To be presented at the Annual Amcoa Conference in April.

Advancing a Massachusetts Culture of Assessment

- ▶ Proposed a National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment (NILOA) *Excellence in Assessment* Certification program for Mass. public institutions to the Task Force.
 - ▶ Recommendation supported.
 - ▶ Concept to be presented at the Amcoa Annual Conference by Dr. Natasha Jankowski, Director of NILOA
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Closing & Thank You

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

