College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences Curriculum Committee January 19, 2005, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. 425 Stillman Hall

Minutes

Present: Weinberg, Parson, Van Woerkom, Collier, Lando, Ausich, Clemens, Verducci, Anderck

Discussion of Assessment of the Major Programs

Guest: Alexis Collier, Outcomes Assessment Coordinator, Colleges of the Arts and Sciences

Alexis distributed information she found on the web and what was turned in by departments 5 years ago for their assessment plans.

Alexis provided a brief background of assessment, and the need to create plans for both the short and long term. The goal is to follow the mission statement to improve curriculum and instruction using assessment. A goal is to ensure that assessment becomes an ongoing part of the culture.

The process will include assessment of major programs (faculty for each program determine the goals and objectives) and assessment for the GEC (the CCI is charged with this). We should then take the information from assessment and feed it back into the instructional mechanism, to improve the curriculum and instruction of the courses and programs.

Alexis is developing a set of working questions for use, which should include what you hope to achieve in educating your students, what the concerns of the faculty are. Departments should start small, build on what is currently in place and do something that you want to know.

Physics will present what they have done at a MAPS CC meeting at the beginning of Spring Quarter.