

Assessment Retreat – May 2014
Committee Report: Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning Across the
Baccalaureate Experience (CASL-BE)

Accomplishments of the CASL-BE - 2013-14

- Piloted Senior Survey of NMSU *Vision for the Baccalaureate Experience* (BE)
- Considered options for introducing freshmen in ENGL 111 to the BE; orientation; journaling; video

Did a review of the CASL-BE's mission, goals, and objectives find they were in alignment with the goals and objectives of the Office of Assessment?

Yes

Did the work of the CASL-BE over the past year align with the mission, goals, and objectives? How or how not? Is there any evidence the committee made progress toward, or met any of its goals/objectives?

Yes. We met the goal of devising a survey instrument to determine student awareness of and perception about the importance of BE learning objectives.

Are there any areas in which the CASL-BE can work toward improved practice and/or effectiveness? Is there a particular goal/objective on which the committee should focus in the coming year? If so, which one(s) and why?

Yes. We need to

- Submit an IRB application
- Work with the Office of Institutional Analysis to
 - Get the revised survey up and open for response from students across the campus
 - Run data analysis
- Review, report and share findings
- Propose an appropriate plan of action

How can the CASL-BE support NMSU's focus on student writing (Quality Initiative: *Expert Insider Prose: Developing Students' Disciplinary Expertise in Writing*)?

Include a prompt or survey related specifically to writing

Project Focus 2014-15

Outcome 1: We will develop a writing-specific writing prompt to be included in ENGL 111 courses

- **Tasks**
 - Determine what the writing goal is
 - Add the writing-specific goal
 - Determine strategies for implementation
 - Review orientation to goals method (freshmen)
 - Decide on methods to use: Video + BE; BE; Journal + BE
 - Begin implementation

Outcome 2: Implement Survey

- **Tasks** – see above answer to “Are there any areas in which...”

Outcome 3: Advertise/increase the visibility of the committee and its goals

- **Tasks**
 - Link to CASL-BE outcomes for faculty and student sites

Regular Monthly Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month, 11am (60 min)

Preferred Location: Zuhl Library Conference Room (alternative: Curry Room, Corbett Ctr)

Committee Appointments for 2014-15:

- **Co-Chair** – Mardi Mahaffy
- **Co-Chair** – Mark Waltermire