**2011/2012 Assessment Committee**

**Year End Report to College Council**

***Submitted by Dianne Fallon, Committee Chair***

***May 1, 2012***

**Committee members 2011-2012:** Claudette Dupee, Dianne Fallon, Tom McGinn, Lisa Murphy, Doreen Rogan, Ro Jean Straw, Amber Tatnall and Meghan Whitten (student member)

**Committee members 2012-13:** Claudette Dupee, Dianne Fallon, Doreen Rogan, Ro Jean Straw; 2 additional faculty members to be determined; additional staff representative (Library/Learning Center) to be determined; student representative to be determined.

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| **Program Learning Outcomes:** |  |
| The Committee approved new or revised Program Learning Outcomes that align with the YCCC Institutional Learning Outcomes for the following the following programs and Departments: |  |
| 1. Education | Completed 2012 |
| 1. Learning Center | Completed 2012 |
| 1. Library | Completed 2012 |
| In 2012-13, the Committee will continue to work with Department Chairs and others to revise/align PLOs for the following programs: Digital Media (revise & align); Digital Media, Animatio (revise & align); Digital Media, Graphic Design; Health Studies (revise & align); Medical Assisting (revise & align); Career Studies; and Trade & Technical Occupations. |  |

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| **Assessment Mini-Grant Application Process**  The Committee developed a process by which faculty and staff can apply for small honorariums of $200-$500 to carry out assessment projects aimed at assessing student learning for specific course, program or departmental learning outcomes. Application forms will be soon be posted on the website. | Completed 2012 |

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| **CESSIE data related to Institutional Learning Outcomes** |  |
| The Committee reviewed CESSIE questions that are related to the ILOs and is in the process of updating the website with data from the 2011 survey. The goal is to update the CESSIE data over time to see if there are trends or changes in questions related to the ILOs. | Reviewed Mar 12 |

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| **ILO Recommendation for AY 2012-2013** |  |
| The Committee has recommended that the ILO focused on Student Responsibility and Integrity be the ‘focus ILO’ for 2012-2103. VP/Academic Dean Paula Gagnon is holding an open meeting on Thursday, May 10, to brainstorm ways in which the College as an institution might focus upon this ILO. | Reviewed Mar 12 |

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| ***Assessment Corner* articles** |  |
| Committee members contributed three articles on assessment-related topics to the “On Teaching….” Newsletter.  October: “Thinking Out Loud” (Library website study), by Amber Tatnall  December: “Let’s NOT Talk –Portfolio,” by Ro Jean Straw  December:“Quick and Easy Assessments of Student Learning in the Classroom,” by Lisa Murphy | Completed 2012 |

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| **ILO Recap 2011-2012** |  |
| For this past year, the Committee had recommended a focus upon Critical Thinking as the ILO for 2011-2012. It is unclear the extent to which faculty, staff and administration focused on this particular ILO, but at least two activities grew out of it: two sessions of the Dean’s Book Group were devoted to books focused, in a general sense, on the topic of critical thinking: *Blink*, by Malcolm Gladwell, and *The Social Animal*, by David Brooks. The 10 or so participants in each group enjoyed lively conversations about the books and how the material in the books relates to teaching and learning critical thinking in the classroom. |  |