



CCRI FACULTY SENATE
TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

M I N U T E S

- Date:** 12/13/2024
Time: 10:45am-11:45am
Place/Link: <https://ccri.zoom.us/j/92873443731?pwd=ZkRJT1RVdzN5MHBhZmxNWndlUisrUT09>
Members: Sarah Beseme-Johnson; Kathleen Gazzola; Ann Omollo; Rachel Rogers, *ex officio*; Joseph Silva, Chair; Rita Turcotte; Melanie Whitaker; and Lauren Webb, *ex officio*.
Attendees: Sarah Beseme-Johnson; Kathleen Gazzola; Ann Omollo; Rachel Rogers, *ex officio*; Joseph Silva, Chair; and Lauren Webb, *ex officio*.

The minutes from the November 1 meeting of TAC were unanimously approved.

Follow-up discussion regarding an OER resolution was tabled for Spring 2025. Research needs to be done on how OERs would/could benefit not only students but also the institution as a whole, especially during a “budget crisis.” Do OER’s promote higher course/college enrollments; course completion rates; retention rates; graduation rates; etc.?

The remainder of the meeting focused on creating a “culture of assessment” at CCRI, which still lags behind in regard to the institution as a whole (“faculty buy-in”). It was suggested that assessment should/could start at the department level through: informal conversations between faculty members (at least two) teaching the same course about different strategies in assessing a course outcome; a formal focus on assessing just one course outcome for a specific course with a higher number of faculty involved; and outreach to Lauren Webb and Leslie Killgore to attend a department meeting and discuss assessment strategies, tools and data collection. The point is for assessment to be faculty-driven. The TAC debated whether or not a resolution should be written concerning the committee’s support of department-wide assessment or if information about assessment should be presented to the Faculty Senate through “report outs” by the Chair and/or through presentations on some ways/strategies to initiate assessment with departments. Faculty Senators would then bring that information back to their respective departments.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am

J. Silva