

MMAP English Planning Update

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2016 / President's Conference Room

Attendees: Carolyn Holcroft, Elaine Kuo, Andrew LaManque, Liz Leiserson, Paul Starer, Casie Wheat

The purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm about the next phases of multiple measures for assessment. Casie presented an overview of English Pilot 1 (administered Winter Quarter for Spring Quarter enrollment) and also a draft of the English Pilot 2 (administered Spring & Summer Quarters for Fall Quarter enrollment). English Pilot 2 involved the implementation of multiple measures to the entire English course sequence. The major issue with Pilot 2's design was the decision rule for placing students into ENGL 209 or 110 (one-level below ENGL 1A). The group determined that the faculty should be consulted on how to move forward with the design. Alternative multiple measures ideas to bring to the faculty for consideration included: extending the current Pilot 1 design; introducing non-cognitive factors for placement; self-placement; or administering the writing challenge test to determine if ENGL 209 or 110 is the appropriate starting course. Projected enrollment for each course level would be needed to assist with course offering and planning. Casie and Liz are scheduled to meet with the English Department faculty on Friday, March 11.

In addition, it was recognized that a multiple measures pilot for math should be a priority for Fall enrollment. Casie met with Victor to discuss a possible pilot for placement into MATH 10 via multiple measures. The Math Department was talking about creating new curriculum, so applying multiple measures to the entire math course sequence might be a challenge. Casie recently translated the recommended decision rules for Foothill's math sequence; however, the full scale implementation was not yet discussed with the PSME dean. Lastly, multiple measures had yet to be discussed with math faculty. Liz and Casie plan to develop a math pilot design for math faculty, which may not follow the RP Group's recommended multiple measures design.

A multiple measures update on the English Pilot 2 and Math Pilot 1 will occur at the March 14 Assessment Taskforce meeting.