

**Proposed Steps in the Critical Consideration
of
Draft statements of General Education Outcomes and Course Criteria**

1. Informal comment on draft statements via the JBAC website

(<http://www.ous.edu/aca/forums.html>): **May – August, 2006**

Draft statements for each area of the existing AA/OT are posted and links connect each area to a public forum.

2. Discussion of draft statements on all community college and OUS campuses:

Fall 2006 – Winter 2007.

Campus leaders will collaborate with JBAC members to organize these discussions and encourage participation by faculty in the disciplines. If schools in the same geographic area wish to hold joint meetings, that's fine. The important thing is to encourage vigorous critique of the statements in a manner that is compatible with local campus culture.

3. Feed-back from campus discussions collected by JBAC: Fall 2006 (December 15 deadline)

Feedback from all community college and OUS campuses will be collected by JBAC and analyzed to determine the extent of revision that may be required. A summary of current feed-back, and an opportunity for further discussion, will be presented at the Student Success Meeting, February, 2007.

4. Feedback returned to faculty committees for consideration: Winter or Spring 2007.

The faculty committees that drafted the original statements will review the collected feed-back from all institutions, decide what revision is needed, and recommend specific changes.

5. Statements will be returned to the campuses for approval: Spring 2007

After review by the faculty committees, statements will be returned to campuses for final consideration and approval through normal curricular review channels. If there is substantial disagreement at this point, JBAC will consult with the Council of Instructional Administrators and the Provosts' Council to negotiate an acceptable compromise.

6. Adoption of statements by the Joint Boards of Education and Higher Education: Fall 2007

After campus agreement and approval, the statements will be brought to the Joint Boards of Education and Higher Education for adoption statewide. We anticipate this stage occurring during Spring 2007, but it may occur later if extensive campus discussion and review is required in Step 5.

Proposed Steps to Revise the AA/OT

1. Form a small joint CC-OUS Taskforce to consider current problems with AA/OT and recommend changes that are both desirable and practical: Fall 2006

[The size and composition of the Taskforce needs to be specified.]

1. The Council of Instructional Administrators (CIA) and the Provosts Council consider the Taskforce proposal: Winter 2007

The CIA and Provosts discuss the proposal separately and also at a joint meeting. The Provosts consult with the Inter-institutional Faculty Senate, and both groups consult with academic advisors, faculty, and others with a commitment to General Education, if needed.

3. JBAC considers the proposed revision of the AA/OT: Spring 2007

After agreement among CIA members and Provosts, the proposal is presented to JBAC for consideration.

4. Draft outcomes and criteria statements for new AA/OT subject areas are written: Spring 2007 – Fall 2007

As soon as JBAC approves the revised AA/OT framework, drafting of outcomes and criteria statements for any new subject areas will begin. Some of this work may have been done in advance by the statewide faculty groups that already exist in certain disciplines. If not, faculty committees analogous to those responsible for the current General Education draft statements will be formed. JBAC will solicit broad discussion and will facilitate revision based on feedback from the discussion.

5. Adoption of revised AA/OT, along with statements of outcomes and course criteria for any new subject areas, by the Joint Boards of Education and Higher Education: Winter 2008

6. Adoption of revised AAOT degree by colleges and universities and inclusion in 08-09 catalogues: Spring 2008 (or later ?)

7. New AAOT degree offered in 08-09 academic year (or later ?)