



**BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CHARGES 2010-2011**

The Steering Committee, in consultation with President Burnham, has prepared the charges for Governance Standing Committees for the academic year 2010-2011.

**Committee: General Education through Academic Council**

**Charge: Core Competency Relationship to General Education Knowledge Areas**

Academic Council should collaborate with the General Education Committee to:

- Review the relationship between the current college Core Competencies, the NJ state General Education framework model and the Middle States Characteristics of Excellence Standard 12 for assessing General Education.
- Determine if sufficient relationship exists to fold the core competencies into the NJ state General Education framework in order to simplify assessment of General Education at Brookdale.
- Develop a strategy for implementation if such a change is desirable and approved.

**Matrix Reference:** I, A, F

**Date:** December 1, 2010

**Explanation:** Academic Affairs with the endorsement of the Academic Division Deans submitted a proposal to use the NJ state General Education model as the model for assessment and to fold the current Core Competencies into that model. This proposal was presented to the Chair and Vice-Chair of Governance at a meeting with the interim Vice-President of Educational Services and the Dean of Academic Affairs. The rationale for this proposal, according to the document submitted, is to simplify the assessment process required by the Middle States Characteristics of Excellence, Standard 12. Since all students in Brookdale programs must meet the state General Education requirements for the degree or certificate they are seeking, assessment of all student groups would be ensured.

**Recommended Resources:**

**People:**

James Palumbo, Interim EVP of Educational Services

Nancy Kegelman, Dean of Academic Affairs  
Academic Division Deans  
Academic Council co-chairs, Dan Leyes and Caroline Colagero  
Carol Hunter, Professor, Speech, former Chair of the Core Competencies  
Committee  
Susan DeMatteo, Administrator of Assessment  
Kim Toomey, Registrar

**Documents:**

Brookdale Community College General Education Assessment Plan 2010-2015  
Middle States Commission on Higher Education (2010). Handbook for  
Periodic Review Reports  
Middle States Characteristics of Excellence documents  
Brookdale College Catalog

**Timeline:**

Discussion 1: March 8, 2011  
Discussion 2: April 12, 2011  
Vote: April 26, 2011

**Questions for the committee**

1. How do we ensure critical thinking is embedded throughout the curriculum?
2. What criteria should be met to ensure personal development?
3. How will programs be impacted by this change?
4. How will the college-wide assessment process be impacted?

**Additional Notes:**

One method to create an opportunity for extended dialogue with the college faculty community would be to host a faculty meeting, usually held on a Thursday during the college hour. Sue Desiderato, Director, Educational Services Operations is the contact person to plan such a meeting.