Course Outcomes Guide

Directions: Please complete this form to document your progress toward improving student learning. For each item, indicate your progress and your anticipated next steps. Thank you!

Course/Program Title: ACC 101 Principles of Accounting I    Date: Spring 2008

Course/Program Team:

Expected Learning Outcomes:
1. Prepare financial statements and evaluate the performance of a business.
2. Record transactions in a journal, post to the ledger and prepare a trial balance.
3. Prepare the adjustments on a work sheet and prepare the adjusted trial balance;
4. Journalize and post adjusting and closing entries.
5. Define internal control and identify the characteristics of an effective system of internal control.
6. Prepare a bank reconciliation.
7. Apply inventory costing methods.
8. Compute and record depreciation.
9. Record journal entries for the disposal of fixed assets.
10. Compute payroll amounts and make basic payroll entries.

Assessment (How do or will students demonstrate achievement of each outcome?)
All tests are common, extra credit assignments and computerized accounting application project (Granite Bay).

Validation (What methods have you used or will you use to validate your assessment?)

Results (What do your assessment data show? If you have not yet assessed student achievement of your learning outcomes, when is assessment planned?)
Test #2 is a strong indication of future success in accounting itself. It lays the foundation for going forward. It establishes the use of debits and credits and how to transform business transactions into accounting usage. A strong grade on the test provides a good indication of future success in both Principle of Accounting courses.

When reviewing test data we feel that common areas of concern are the students overall effort and participation with tests as well as coursework.

Follow-up (How have you used or how will you use the data to improve student learning?)
We would like to find a way to increase classroom attendance. We also need to find a way to get students more engaged in doing assignments. We are going to work with the publisher for introduction of online homework module.

Budget Justification (What resources are necessary to improve student learning?)
We would like a designated computer lab.