FINAL REPORT, Spring 2010 (Vicki Baker, May 27, 2010)

Below we provide an update on the three issues discussed in our preliminary sprin 2010 report and offer some additional action items for the summer and fall 2010 semester:

 (1) E&M Emphases

STUDENTS HAVE BEGUN TO DECLARE THEIR E&M MAJOR WITH EMPHASIS. AS PART OF THESE EFFORTS, WE HAVE BEGUN TO PROPOSE ADDITIONAL COURSES TO SUPPORT THESE EMPHASES TO C&RC AND ALSO PROPOSED AN ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS and INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS IN KEEPING WITH ALBION COLLEGE'S STRATEGIC PLAN. WHILE ANECDOTAL, WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM STUDENTS, ALUMNI, AND EMPLOYERS ON THESE EMPHASES GIVEN THEY MAKE IT MORE CLEAR TO DETERMINE STUDENTS ACADEMIC AND CAREER INTERESTS. WE ATTACHED THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED AS A REFERENCE OF WHAT THIS NEW EMPHASIS WILL ENTAIL FOR YOUR REVIEW.

(2) Alumni Survey

 TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT MADE ANY PROGRESS IN TERMS OF AN ALUMNI SURVEY. EVENTS DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER MADE ITS DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION DIFFICULT.  WORK WILL BE DONE OVER THE SUMMER TO PREPARE FOR A FALL ALMUNI SURVEY ADMINISTRATION.

(3) Standard E&M Grading Rubric

VICKI USED THIS RUBRIC IN HER THREE CLASSES AS A PILOT TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CATEGORIES INCLUDED. THE GOAL IS TO ROLL THIS RUBRIC OUT TO OTHER COURSES IN THE DEPARTMENT GIVEN ITS CONNECTION TO SEVERAL OF OUR STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES.

(4) New Information -- Assessment of Minors (in Economics, Management, and Gerstacker)

WE HAVE TWO MINORS: ONE IN ECONOMICS AND ONE IN MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS A MINOR IN THE GERSTACKER INSTITUTE. DURING A PRIOR SURVEY ADMINSITRATION, WE COLLECTED SOME PRELIMINARY DATA ON OUR MINORS. WE WILL USE THIS INFORMATION TO CONDUCT SOME PRELIMINARY WORK ON BUILDING AN ASSESSMENT PLAN FOR OUR MINORS WHICH WE WILL PROVIDE IN EARLY FALL
AS PER THE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEES DEADLINE.