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**Academic Report on the Recommendation for Assessment Program, Director, and Office**

On Friday, October 26, 2007 Academic Policies Council voted to support the principle of the Recommendation for Assessment Program, Director, and Office dated April 11, 2007 with a list of the following concerns:

- Remove Item 3: "A faculty reward structure which provides incentives for faculty to develop competence in assessing student learning."
- The parenthetical phrase within Item 5: "(Because of the need to protect faculty and programs from the potential fro the invidious use of assessment to evaluate teacher performance or allocate program resources, all raw assessment data should be kept at the level at which it is collected and used , and only as aggregated data should be sent up the administrative hierarchy.)" should become a part of Item 4: A focus on formative (developmental) uses of assessment data, in such a way that data belongs to appropriate individuals. (Add parenthetical phrase here).
- There needs to be some assurance that this new office will not expand assessment rather than make it more effective.