

University Assessment Committee

Minutes

December 11, 2012

8:00-9:15 a.m.

Location: **Brandeis 112 (Conference Room)**

I. Announcements

- a. Welcome to Sam Harter (Brenda Coppard's proxy)
- b. Assessment Conferences
 - i. American Association of Colleges and University's General Education and Assessment: A Sea Change in Student Learning, February 28-March 2, 2013. For more details: <http://www.aacu.org/meetings/generaleducation/gened2013/index.cfm>
 - ii. Higher Learning Commission annual meeting, April 5-9, 2013. For more details: <http://annualconference.ncahlc.org/>
 - iii. Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education (AALHE)'s annual meeting: "Juggling Conflicting Priorities: Rethinking What We Thought," June 3-5, 2013. Proposals accepted through February 8 (see attached submission form); see www.aalhe.org for more information.
- c. Gail Jensen will serve as new Academic Liaison Officer (ALO) for HLC, replacing Patrick Borchers.
 - i. Gail reports the largest number of actions involve additional location visits and distance education programs expansion.
 - ii. Creighton's School of Medicine just experienced an "additional location visit" at their Phoenix campus.
- d. Tracy Chapman will represent Fr. Lannon on the Ignatian/Jesuit Tradition on the Margins committee that will discuss the sustainability of online learning.
- e. Eileen Burke-Sullivan will be the US representative for an international group of Jesuit institutions designing an online doctoral program in Ignatian Spirituality.

II. Committee Updates/Reports (reports/discussion led by chairs)

- a. Professional Development (Katie Huggett, Chair):
Committee will next meet on January 9th and begin planning for the second of the series on Academic Assessment on March 25, 2013 in Skutt Student Center, Ballroom East.
- b. Peer Review (Mark Turner, Chair): no report at this time, pending the piloting of the peer review process, spring 2013.
- c. Assessment Resource Integration (Brian Kokensparger, Chair):
The Blueline2 Assessment Workshop is available on the AEA website. Those who register to participate will be included in a cohort of four faculty from a common area to work on integration.
- d. Academic Quality and Policies (Gail Jensen, Chair):
The Academic Program Review Policy and the New Program Policy were approved. The development of a Credit Hour Policy is underway, in conjunction with Patty Hall, Registrar; The Carnegie and Lumina Foundations are exploring a competency-based system for revising the awarding of credits.

The UAC discussed the growth of distance education as the impetus for the revision in the credit hour and this resulted in a series of conversations regarding:

- IPEDS differences in definitions and thus, institutional reporting; Stephanie Wernig reported that University Registrar, Patty Hall, is currently reviewing the IPEDS narrowed definition for distance education and if the definition can be tracked using the Banner system.

and

- the implications for faculty intellectual property rights (re distance education course development vs CMS).
- e. Co-curricular assessment liaison: Stephanie Wernig.
The Honors Program, Creighton Center for Service and Justice, Greek Life, and Cortina Community are working on their assessment plans.

III. Other Reports/Updates/Works-in-Progress

- a. Annual Assessment Report due January 9, 2013.
Update will be given to Chris Bradberry, Interim VP for Academic Affairs.
- b. Updated TaskStream training for implementation team and UAC Peer Reviewers: November 20 and December 5 (Beginning); December 10+ (Co-Curricular); December-January (Advanced?); January (Peer Review); January (Reporting).

2012-2013 Schedule of UAC Meetings (8:00-9:15 a.m., Brandeis 112, unless otherwise noted.)

January 15

February 19

March 19

April 16

May 7 (if needed)