University Assessment Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Opening Reflection

I. Announcements
   a. Assessment conferences
      ii. Higher Learning Commission, April 17-19, 2016, Chicago, IL.
      iii. Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education (AALHE) Conference, June 6-8, 2016, Milwaukee, WI. CALL FOR PROPOSALS NOW OPEN.

   b. Other announcements
      i. Last year the TaskStream contract was renewed for one year. It is now time to consider contract renewal. Contract discussions are being held, with consideration for a multi-year contract, which would extend the contract to 2018.
      ii. The College of Nursing is investigating implementation of a Concept-Based curriculum for students. The committee shared its resources and knowledge of that curriculum format for the College of Nursing to take into consideration.

II. Committee Updates
   a. Professional Development
      i. Feedback on Fall 2015 Assessment Symposium was overall very positive. Two areas of concern were: co-curricular areas were not addressed; and that the keynote speaker didn’t have enough time to complete her presentation.
      ii. The Fall 2016 Symposium will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6 in Skutt SC. Themed topics for the symposium are: Service Learning and Assessment. Potential keynote speakers are being identified. Symposium format and timeframe modifications are being considered and discussed. More information will be brought to the UAC as the committee continues the planning for the Fall 2016 symposium.

   b. Peer Review
      i. Process of peer review is ongoing.
      ii. The Peer Review process deadline is Tuesday, March 15.
      iii. Reminder that the Customer Requirement Report needs to be submitted with the other reports.
      iv. A TaskStream message regarding reminders of dates and materials to be completed will be sent to program representatives.
v. The Provost and Dean’s have requested 100% of assessment reporting in TaskStream for 14-15. This will be the last assessment cycle before the HLC visit in the spring of 2017.

c. Academic Program Review
   i. East-West Studies and DNP reports released to Deans on February 4.
   ii. Justice and Peace Studies and Energy Studies reviewers’ reports have been received and are in process of review.

d. Assessment Resource Integration
   i. Committee met with DoIT project management office and data warehouse team leader on February 1st.
   ii. Three goals for the meeting:
      1. Identify the data to be exported from BlueLine to document Magis Core assessment
      2. Identify how data is currently exported from BlueLine and how the exported data is currently analyzed
      3. Provide project management office and Thad a description of the desired end state for data export in BlueLine, data analysis and import to TaskStream.
   iii. Next step: Thad will meet with Christina Murcek to better understand TaskStream, Magis Core data extraction and analysis, and then estimate the time and resource requirements to achieve the desired end state.
   iv. Next meeting scheduled for March 11.

e. Policy, Strategy, and HLC updates
   i. HLC Updates – HLC Consultant evaluators have been requested to update their profiles.
   ii. Policy Updates – no report at this time.

III. Discussion and Updates
a. Members of the CU-QI explained the rating disparity between the Peer Review Ratings and Annual Academic Effectiveness Indicators Reporting (APR, Data warehouse). It was recommended, and UAC approved, to redefine the score of “0”. The annual Assessment report legend of NR=no report and NS=not submitted, will be coded as a “0”. This will be in effect for 2014-2015 and retroactively updated for 2011-2014.

b. An Academic Program Review report is being created to share at the February Faculty and Academic Councils meetings. Designated UAC committee members will speak to those attending the meetings, providing an overview of the academic program review process and
the report.

c. Updates: (Have been tabled to March UAC meeting)
   i. MAGIS Common Core Assessment
   ii. HLC Criterion 4

Adjourned: 9:15

2015-2016 Schedule of UAC Meetings (8:00-9:15 a.m., SC 105)

March 1—MAGIS Common Core Assessment and HLC Criterion
April 12—Peer Review Committee Feedback/Assessment Report (tentative)
May 10—after Finals Week but before Commencement.

2015-2016 Strategic Priorities for UAC
By May 2016, the UAC will have

1. Advanced MAGIS Common Core Assessment by supporting: professional
devlopment on course-level assessments; MAGIS Core Assessment Day
activities; and institutional data collection and reporting, through BlueLine and
TaskStream, as requested.

2. Contributed to campus communications regarding assessment-related activities
(e.g., Tell Our Story (of student learning); Provost and/or Presidential updates; 3-
4 minute video).

3. Fostered Interprofessional and Interdisciplinary educational practices and
evidence of student learning, possibly starting with University Assessment Day
theme of “Assessment Across Boundaries.”