

University Assessment Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2013

I. Announcements

- a. Welcome from Dr. Ed O'Connor, Provost, and welcome to new committee members to include: Mike Pieper (DoIT); Kevin Graham (Magis Core); Holly Ann Harris (CAS); Amy Wilson (SPAHP); Wayne Young, Jr. (Student Life); and (in October) Ying Vuthipadadon (Institutional Research).
- b. HLC Call for Proposals due September 30; conference dates are April 10-14, 2014.
- c. Assessment conferences
 - i. 2013 Assessment Institute, October 27-29 at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. For more information: <http://planning.iupui.edu/institute>
 - ii. American Association of Colleges and University's General Education and Assessment: Disruptions, Innovations, and Opportunities, February 27-March 1, 2014. For more details: <http://www.aacu.org/meetings/generaleducation/gened2014/index.cfm>
- d. 2013-2014 UAC Focus/Committee Assignments (see below): Agents of Transformative Learning
 - i. Based on discussions regarding the article, "Infusing Neuroscience into Teacher Professional Development, the abstract can be found at <http://er.aera.net>

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

- a. Academic Program Review
The subcommittee has met and began to discuss a communication strategy regarding the policy and process to the deans and department chairs.
- b. Assessment Resource Integration
The subcommittee will be meeting to discuss the integration of various learning management systems (Canvas, Blueline, TaskStream, etc.).
- c. Peer Review
The committee is charged with the evaluative part of the annual assessment reporting. The committee will be involved in aspects of reviewing, and providing guidance, feedback, and direction.
- d. Professional Development
The committee met after the UAC meeting. The theme for the 2013-2014 academic year will be University Level Outcome, number 3, which states "All Creighton graduates will demonstrate...Ignatian values, to include but not limited to a commitment to an exploration of faith and the promotion of justice." The presentation is planned for Tuesday, October 22 from 8 a.m.-12 noon in Skutt Ballroom.
- e. Policy, Strategy, and HLC updates
It was reported that these processes are on-going and leading to the accreditation process.

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

- a. HLC Updates
Handouts were distributed and discussed which included: annual educational effectiveness indicators, program review, institutional effectiveness, open pathways, and student outcome scorecard.
 - i. Quality Initiative proposal has been drafted and will be reviewed by President's Council on Sept. 11. It will be shared with the UAC next.
 - ii. Credit Hour and Student Complaint Policies are under development and should be submitted for approval, Fall 2013.

- b. TaskStream Implementation Team Updates
A workspace activity document was distributed which illustrated the activity status (review/reconcile completed, work in progress, work not started) of the 99 participating areas. Detailed reports were provided to specific colleges/departments. The implementation process of TaskStream was discussed further among the committee.
- c. Annual Assessment Reporting will return to fall cycle with peer review for spring semester. Prior to the request for 2012-2013 assessment reports distribution, college/departments/areas will be invited to finalize 2011-2012 information in TaskStream. The draft joint report/request will be discussed and distributed at the October or November UAC meeting.
- d. Magis Core Updates
Invitations have been extended to the five undergraduate schools to incorporate the Magis Core. At this time, three of the five schools have confirmed their participation. Faculty will receive communications about the Core in Spring 2014, outlining the implementation process beginning in Fall 2014, followed by Assessment in Spring 2015.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

2013-2014 Schedule of UAC Meetings (8:00-9:15 a.m., Brandeis 112, unless otherwise noted)

October 8	<u>Items for discussion:</u> Joint report/request, SOS metrics (Oct. or Nov.)
November 12	
December 10	
January 14	
February 11	
March 11 (March 18, alternative date)	
April 8	
May 13	