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

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)