

UAA Faculty Senate Academic Assessment Committee

Minutes: September 4, 2015

11:00a – 12:30p, ADM 204

Skype for Business (Audio/Video) Conferencing Information: Provided in Email

General Business

- Approval of agenda
 - Approved
- Approval of minutes from 5/1/2015 (pgs. 3-5)
 - Approved
- Vice Provost report
 - Update on staffing for the committee. The office is currently searching for an administrative assistant.
 - Quick overview of the survey results. 95% of programs responded, an all-time high.
 - Assessment funding for this year is still under consideration and will likely be impacted by the current budget situation. Colleges will want to think even more strategically about how they use this funding and what approaches have the greatest impact.
 - In May 2015 the Faculty Senate unanimously supported the creation of a director of general education. The provost has appointed Dan Kline of English as the first director, and Dan's initial focus will be GER assessment.
 - Assessment and Reaffirmation of Accreditation. In the mid-cycle report, the NWCCU evaluators praised the role of the faculty and the committee in academic program assessment at UAA. The committee will play a key role in the re-affirmation of accreditation process, including analyzing information and providing recommendations to the Accreditation Steering Committee.

New Business

- Chair election
 - Brian Bennett and Kathi Trawver were elected and agreed to another year as co-chairs.
- 2015 Academic Assessment Seminar
 - Friday, September 11, 2015 from 9:00-12:30 in LIB 307
 - Theme: Curriculum Mapping
 - Speaker: Janice Denton, Project Mentor, Higher Learning Commission; and Professor of Chemistry, University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College
- Annual Academic Assessment Survey Results (pgs. 6-15)
 - Discussed rate of responses indicating that programs made changes based on assessment. Wide range of responses (i.e., 13% to 83%). May want to think about doing a session on the survey at Spring seminar series.
 - Is it possible programs viewing "change" differently or defining what constitutes an important program change? At next cycle – we can relook at the survey and perhaps make more specific and able to identify what constitutes change. Need to keep

survey stable to be able to trend data for this reaffirmation cycle.

- Accreditation: Core Theme 1 Indicator Rationale (pgs.16-18)
 - Will put on agenda for next meeting.
- Goals for AY16
 - Make survey return 100%
 - How to motivate programs? Culture of learning and student successmentorship, helping with program conversations, visiting program/faculty meetings – why it’s important and offer support/info/peer mentorship
 - Spring Seminar series continued ...
 - Plan for next year’s Fall seminar
 - Orientation for new committee members - especially how we approach programs reviews.
 - Professional development

Continuing Business

- Assessment tracking and archives of artifacts, data, and reports – CIS A310 students
- College/Campus Interviews on Assessment Process and Structure
- Update and adopt Committee bylaws

Future Business

- Erin Holmes, Director of Institutional Research, to talk about possible collaborations with IR

Informational

- Assessment comments from the Foraker Group 2015 Leadership Summit (Co-Chair Brian Bennett)

Expected Attendees

X	Tim Benningfield, Faculty Senate
X	Rachel Graham, Faculty Senate
X	Jeff Hollingsworth, Faculty Senate
X	Brian Bennett, Faculty Senate
X	Bill Myers, CAS
X	Christina McDowell, CBPP
X	Adrainne Thomas, COE
X	Thomas Harman, CTC

X	Kathi Trawver, COH
X	Deborah Mole, Library
X	Jennifer McFerran Brock, CoEng
X	Holly Bell, Mat-Su
X	Scott Downing, KPC
X	Cynthia Falcone, Kodiak
X	Susan Kalina, Vice Provost <i>Ex-Officio</i>

X = Attended



Scheduled Meeting Dates Academic Year 2016		
Date	Time	Location
9/4	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
9/11	Assessment Seminar 9:00-12:30	LIB 307
9/18	Cancelled	ADM 204
10/2	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
10/16	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
11/6	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
11/20	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
12/4	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
12/18	Cancelled	ADM 204
1/15	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
2/5	11:00-12:30p	ADM 142
2/19	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
3/4	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
3/18	Cancelled	ADM 204
4/1	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
4/15	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
5/6	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204

Academic Year 2016 schedule: 1st & 3rd Fridays unless otherwise noted