

UAA Faculty Senate Academic Assessment Committee

Agenda: November 18, 2011

12:00 – 2:00pm LIB 306

Audio conference: 1-800-893-8850

Participant code: 1664738

eLive: May be accessed through Blackboard

General Business

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes for 11/11/11 Meeting

Continuing Business

- AAC website
- Checklist for three year review
- Invitation letter to solicit new programs for pilot review

New Business

- Pilot Assessment structure

Scheduled Meeting Dates Fall 2011		
Date	Time	Location
11/18	12:00-2:00pm	LIB 306
12/9	12:00-2:00pm	LIB 306
Fall 2011 schedule: 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Fridays		

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Minutes November 11, 2011

General Business

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes for 10/28/11 Meeting
- Chair Update
 - Our charge has been officially changed to what was accepted in the handbook last spring
 - The regulations state that any changes to the charge have to go to Faculty Senate in a motion – our change was part of the handbook
 - Faculty Senate agreed that our revised charge has been approved
 - ILOs are no longer a part of our charge, however, this may come back for discussion at some point
 - There is currently no GER assessment – this needs to be figured out still since this is an accreditation requirement

Continuing Business

- AAC website
 - We need to have consistency with what is listed in the handbook when titling headings on the flow chart
 - “One Year Report” should be changed to “Annual Assessment Survey”
 - “Report Forms” should be changed to “Survey Forms”
 - What is the status of figuring out what CMS can support?
 - Bart should be talking to IT to determine our options with CMS (what it can and cannot do)
 - Who will be tasked with creating the website?
 - This still hasn’t been determined. IT does not usually create websites for departments – they usually just give them the tools/training to do it themselves
 - We should have Bart ask them if they can provide help in creating the website
 - A schedule of when programs are up for review needs to be added to the flow chart
 - This should be added as a second level item and should be titled “Assessment Sequence and Due Dates” to match the handbook
 - How should this be organized?
 - Could put programs in alphabetical order by college
 - There should be three years listed
 - The programs that participate in the pilot will be exempted from the first run – since we don’t know which programs these are, it is difficult to create the sequence until after the spring semester
 - Need to put this section as “Under Construction” or something similar until we are able to figure out the sequence of programs
- Board of Regents policies
 - There hasn’t been a deadline set for this so we should have more time to work on this if we need it



- If anyone has any more comments please send them to Keith
- Memo to Faculty Senate regarding the revisions and simplification of BOR Academic Policies and Regulations
 - Bill is happy to revise the rationale if necessary – please send him any additional edits if you have any
 - We should leave the rationale as fairly brief – we can provide clarification or expansion if requested
- Are all these revisions to BOR policy going to be sent to Faculty Senate to be compiled into a greater document of recommendations?
 - Not sure at this point. The original instructions said to send revisions directly to the President’s Office
 - It would be more strategic if these revisions came from Faculty Senate
 - Faculty Senate hasn’t divvied these out yet, however, Kimberly Swiantek said that she could forward our revisions directly to the EBoard
- Discussion of concerns of assessment as being a part of program review
 - All the other items listed under program review are metrics of quantity. Adding one item that deals with quality doesn’t fit; it also doesn’t encourage honest assessment
 - Since this section focuses on administrative review of a program, we should focus on compliance rather than the quality of assessment
 - If we make this suggested revision should we give something more in its place?
 - Less is more for BOR policy – gives more flexibility to each MAU
 - Do we need to indicate in our rationale that we are not trying to get rid of assessment?
 - The quality of the program is important, but should only be used internally
 - Should we include the language from our motion last spring to Faculty Senate in our memo?
 - This could be a preamble or introduction to the motion
 - Keith will add this as a preamble and will place it in Blackboard for review and comment
 - Should change the word “solely” in the motion to “fundamental purpose” or something similar
 - Keith will email Bhatta and ask what the plan is for how Faculty Senate is going to handle all of these BOR policy revisions

New Business

- Checklist for three year review
 - Bill basically cut and pasted from the “Three-Year Review Documents” on page 9 of the handbook
 - Bill to make various minor word/grammatical edits to the checklist as offered in the meeting
 - Will change the bullets to boxes



- Does this checklist get the basic idea across? What if someone is fairly new to assessment – is it clear what we are asking for?
 - Yes
- For data collection purposes Bart would like the outcomes, measures and results listed
- People should be directed to the handbook for more information – the checklist shouldn't give too much information. We need to provide enough information for them to do it correctly, but still encourage them to refer to the handbook
- Are there definitions of these items?
 - Yes, in the “Terms, Definitions & Guidance” portion of the handbook
- The checklist is helpful because it makes the process simpler – it helps people verify that they have done everything
- Invitation letter to solicit new programs for pilot review
 - We only have two meetings left. What is our plan for a schedule? Can we get something in this semester?
 - We need to send out a letter prior to the break and begin right at the start of the spring semester
 - Faculty need to know what we are doing and what our plans are – a letter is important in communicating this
 - The letter should include options for coming for a visit as a group or college – we need to decide what type of groupings we are willing to accept. The letter also needs to indicate what programs should bring – see the checklist
 - Some programs have questions about the qualifications for exemption
 - The COE has accreditation at the college level, however, not all the programs with COE are accredited
 - Programs should apply for exemption and we will evaluate their qualifications
 - Do we want to send out an information letter and an invitation letter?
 - We should just explain in the invitation letter that this isn't a judgment and to ask programs to bring what they want to discuss
 - We should send out the invitation letter to the entire university
 - If we get more programs than we can accommodate then we can prioritize on a first come first serve basis
 - We should finalize this letter at our next meeting and send it out before the Thanksgiving break. We should also include a deadline date.
 - Deadline will be February 1, 2012
 - Keith will work on drafting a letter including all of these ideas – he will post the draft letter to Blackboard for review and comment. We can discuss this at our next meeting
- Structure of pilot review
 - Are we in agreement on what the reviewing will look like?
 - Do we have a process or a rubric that we are planning to follow?
 - We need to make it clear that this is a discussion not an instruction session
 - One of the main reasons we didn't want to make this committee an approval body is the concern that someone from one discipline may not be a good judge of what the outcomes should be for another discipline



- It would be helpful if the committee is able to have commonality of vision and purpose
- The “Terms, Definitions & Guidance” section started as a rubric, however, the committee agreed not to list this as a rubric
- We should let programs explain their reasons for why their outcomes are good - we should ask if this is working for their department
- Over time we are hopefully going to gain experience and get better

Information Item

- Please take the LibQUAL Survey – open from 11/7-11/21

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