



## UAA Faculty Senate Academic Assessment Committee

Minutes: December 5, 2014

11:00a – 12:30p, ADM 204

Lync (Audio/Video) Conferencing Information: Provided in Email

### General Business

- Welcome guest(s): Melodie Mackey, Prince William Sound Community College
- Approval of agenda
  - Approved
- Approval of minutes from 11/21/2014
  - Approved
- Vice Provost report

### New Business

- Assessment Plan Reviews
  - 11:00 am – Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences
    - Program Representative: Dr. Jerry Kudenov
    - Faculty have been working to improve the program and to make sure students are better equipped after graduating. The assessment plan has been modified to address adjustments to the program's Program Student Learning Outcomes.
    - ETS exams have traditionally been used for assessment of the program. The program is working with Paul Wasko on implementing an ePortfolio system as an additional assessment tool. By adding ePortfolios the program hopes to keep the students more engaged throughout the program.
    - The program will be considering how to balance using ePortfolios for assessment and as products for students to use after graduation.
    - It was suggested that the program start with a beta test and allow faculty who are most enthusiastic to try it out first. If this approach is taken, the program might consider specifying so in the plan.
    - It was also suggested to ask for volunteer faculty members to provide training sessions to students about using ePortfolios.
  - 11:30 pm – Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
    - Program Representative: Dr. Joseph Mixsell
    - The Bachelor Science in Engineering (BSE) is being split into three separate degrees: Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Systems Engineering. The Academic Assessment Plan for Electrical Engineering is very similar to the existing BSE plan with slight revisions to reflect this shift.
    - The program attempts to assess its outcomes using multiple tools and has worked to develop a standard mode for assessment so that it can begin to track trends.



- Technical writing program improvement example: Through assessment of an assignment that asked students to write a technical white paper for the governor, faculty found that students weren't well prepared for technical writing. The program shifted to giving students more technical writing assignments earlier in the program and the program has seen significant improvements in writing.
- The Committee would like to consider this program for presenting at a future assessment workshop.
- December 19th meeting
  - The Committee agreed to cancel the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Review of draft academic assessment report template
  - The Committee held general discussion around the draft report template and offered several suggestions. OUAA will make the updates and bring the revised draft to the next meeting.
- Review the college and campus level assessment structures and processes
  - Draft questionnaire for colleges and campuses

### **Continuing Business**

- Spring 2015 Academic Assessment Workshop Series
- 2015 Academic Assessment Seminar theme/topic and speaker
- Assessment tracking and archives of artifacts, data, and reports
- Update and adopt Committee bylaws

### **Future Business**

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

### **Informational**

- CAFE, in partnership with OUAA and Student Affairs, will be hosting an all-day event on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 on High Impact Educational Practices, featuring national expert Dr. George Kuh, Director of the Center for Postsecondary Research at Indiana University. More information will be shared through the faculty and staff dynamic listservs.
- 2015 AAC&U Annual Meeting
  - Liberal Education, Global Flourishing, and the Equity Imperative
  - January 21-January 24, 2015
  - Washington, DC
- 2015 AAC&U General Education and Assessment Conference
  - From Mission to Action to Evidence: Empowering and Inclusive General Education Programs
  - February 19-February 21, 2015
  - Kansas City, Missouri



*Expected Attendees*

N	Alan Peabody, CTC
C	Scott Downing, KPC
P	Cindy Trussell, KOD
P	Holly Bell, MSC
C	Rebecca Moorman, LIB
C	Bill Myers, CAS
C	Kathleen Voge, CBPP

-	Vacant, COE
C	Jennifer McFerran Brock, CoEng
C	Kathi Trawver, COH
C	Tim Benningfield, Faculty Senate
P	Rachel Graham, Faculty Senate
C	Deborah Mole, Faculty Senate
C	Brian Bennett, Faculty Senate

C	Maria Stroth, OAA
C	Susan Kalina – Ex-officio, Vice Provost
N	Helena Wisniewski – Ex-officio, Vice Provost

*Note: Confirmed meeting attendees are marked with “C.” Those unable to attend are marked “N.” Those calling in are marked “P.”*

Scheduled Meeting Dates Academic Year 2015		
Date	Time	Location
8/29	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
9/5	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
9/19	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
10/3	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
10/17	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
11/7	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
11/21	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
12/5	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
12/19	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
1/16	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
2/6	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
2/20	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
3/6	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
3/20	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
4/3	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
4/17	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
5/1	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
Academic Year 2015 schedule: 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays unless otherwise noted		