

UAA Faculty Senate Academic Assessment Committee

Minutes: May 1, 2015

11:00a – 12:30p, ADM 204

Skype for Business (formerly Microsoft Lync) (Audio/Video) Conferencing Information:
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General Business

- Approval of agenda
 - Approved
- Approval of minutes from 4/17/2015
 - Approved
- Vice Provost report
 - After three years of work, the GER Assessment Task Force has finalized its recommendations for next steps in GER assessment at UAA and has created a GER Assessment Plan. The plan builds upon faculty research into best practices, a series of UAA GER workshops and open forums, a GER outcomes faculty survey, and pilot projects. The plan integrates national best practices for a holistic assessment that gives centrality to teaching and learning. It takes a broad view of GER student learning outcomes as areas students build upon throughout their academic experience. To ensure UAA is prepared for its fall 2017 institutional accreditation Year Seven Report and Visit, UAA needs to implement the new approach to GER assessment in fall 2015.

New Business

- 2015 Academic Assessment Seminar theme/topic and speaker
 - Friday, September 11, 2015 in LIB 307
 - Theme: Curriculum Mapping
 - Speaker: Janice Denton
 - Professor of Chemistry, University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College
 - Rough Outline of Agenda
 - Poster Session
 - Keynote
 - Curriculum Mapping Workshop
- Accreditation: Core Theme 1 Indicator Rationale
 - Accreditation Sticky Note Activity
 - Core Theme 1: Teaching and Learning. Indicator: Student Achievement of Program Student Learning Outcomes
 - Why is the indicator important? How do we use it?
 - All feedback will be compiled and shared back with the Committee.
- GER Assessment Plan (GER Assessment Task Force Chair Bill Myers)
 - The Committee held a discussion around communicating effectively which will be the first outcome assessed. This outcome does not just include written and verbal communication. What about symbolic communication?



- The Committee was supportive of the plan and agreed that it’s a good first step for moving forward with assessing the GER.
- GERA Chair Bill Myers will be presenting the assessment plan at the Faculty Senate meeting today (5/1) along with recommendations from the Task Force for a GERA structure.
- College/Campus Interviews on Assessment Process and Structure
 - One of the major challenges is with timing of the annual assessment survey.
 - Possible discussion topic for fall – correlation between language and timing of the survey.

Continuing Business

- Assessment tracking and archives of artifacts, data, and reports
 - The Committee would like the students in CIS A310 that are doing a feasibility study on assessment document management to present to the Committee at the beginning of fall semester.
- Update and adopt Committee bylaws

Future Business

- Erin Holmes, Director of Institutional Research, to talk about possible support from IR
 - The Committee would like to talk with Erin in the fall.

Informational

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

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

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

C	Maria Stroth, OUAA
C	Susan Kalina – Ex-officio, Vice Provost
C	David Yesner – Ex-officio, Associate Dean

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		
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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	Canceled	ADM 204
10/17	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
11/7	Canceled	ADM 204
11/21	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
12/5	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
12/19	Canceled	ADM 204
1/16	11:00-12:30p	ADM 204
2/6	11:00-12:30p	ADM 142
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 st & 3 rd Fridays unless otherwise noted		