

University Academic Assessment Committee

Minutes, 12/21/10

Present: Mark Law, Sanford Berg, Tim Brophy, Joanne Foss, Anne Kendall, Bernard Mair, Barbara Pace, David Pharies, Maria Zeglen

Approval Process for ALC Revisions

The ALC revision form is now on the web for use in the approval process.

Graduate SLO

Ken Gerhardt requested feedback on a draft of Instruction and Suggestions that he plans to provide to graduate programs as guidance in developing their ALC. The Committee noted that the Examples of Assessment Methods are program outcomes, not individual student assessments. This will be communicated to the graduate school.

BASS ALC

The Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability Studies (BASS) in CLAS submitted a curriculum proposal to the UCC for approval. The Committee reviewed the ALC that was proposed for the CLAS track and compared it to the ALC of the degree on Sustainability and the Built Environment in the College of Design, Construction and Planning. The BASS SLO do not appear to be easily measured and no individual student assessments are proposed in the ALC. The ALC needs to be revised. The department will be referred to the ALC of the DCP degree as an example of how they might proceed.

SACS meeting

Marie updated the Committee on the most recent SACS meeting. SACS will be looking for every program to have completed three years worth of assessment and have used their assessment data for program improvement. If every program that has not yet collected data begins now, we will be able to fulfill this requirement by our next review. SACS indicated that fewer SLOs that are clear and well measured are better than a lot of poorly measured SLOs. A sampling procedure can be used and not every SLO has to be assessed every year as long as all are assessed within the three year cycle.

ALC Web page

The Registrar's ALC web page was examined. It does not clearly express the intent of ALCs. Tim and Barbara will draft revised text for the next meeting.

Next meeting: A Doodle was sent out this morning to establish the best day and time for a meeting in January.