

University Academic Assessment Committee

Minutes, 4/25/11

Present: Mark Law, Sanford Berg, Tim Brophy, Margaret Fields, Joanne Foss, Anne Kendall, Bernard Mair, Barbara Pace, Theresa Vernetsen, Marie Zeglen

Minutes from February 28, 2011

A motion was made by Sanford Berg and seconded by Tim Brophy to accept the minutes from the February 28, 2011 meeting. The motion passed.

Compliance Assist

Marie Zeglen the Compliance Assist program that the university has purchased that will enhance assessment efforts and allow programs to upload their own data into the system. Three modules have been purchased: a planning module where most of the data will be entered by programs, the SACS modules that will include the information needed for SACS accreditation in the format that is required and the faculty credential model that will have information on faculty degrees and experience that document their qualifications to teach courses and direct academic programs. Marie shared a draft of the information she anticipates having programs enter into Compliance Assist. This will include program goals and student learning outcomes, the evaluation method, the results and how the results have been used by faculty. The committee suggested that CIP codes be added and a way to indicate if programs are delivered by both distance and on-campus. Interdisciplinary programs that cross departments and colleges will need to be claimed by one entity for data entry. Marie anticipates that the planning module will be operational in late summer.

Survey on Assessment Practices

The committee reviewed the reports from the Colleges of Nursing, Engineering, CALS, CLAS, PPHP and Business. It appears that many units are gathering data. Some units are more successful than others in using the data for program improvement. The use of course grades as an assessment method may be an issue for some programs. Mark will follow up with a letter to the colleges that have programs using course grades for more clarification.