

University Academic Assessment Committee

Minutes, 3/28/11

Present: Mark Law, Tim Brophy, Margaret Fields, Joanne Foss, Anne Kendall, Bernard Mair, Barbara Pace, David Pharies, Theresa Vernetsen, Maria Zeglen

Minutes from February 28, 2011

A motion was made by David Pharies and seconded by Margaret Fields to accept the minutes from the February 28, 2011 meeting. The motion passed.

Survey on Assessment Practices

Mark had forwarded the reports from the College of Nursing and the College of Fine Arts in response to the request that all programs complete the survey on the assessment of their ALCs. The Nursing report effectively documents that ongoing assessment and program improvement are taking place. The College of Fine Arts report does not follow the format of the assessment survey. Individual programs were not asked to complete the survey, but the Associate Dean used each program's SACS report to address questions posed by the survey. He recommends that the university develop a single system of assessment that would address all assessment needs (SACS, BOG, etc.).

Marie Zeglen reported that the university has purchased Compliance Assist software that will enhance assessment efforts and allow programs to upload their own data into the system. She recommends that the committee be involved in developing the template for data entry. The reports from each program about the status of their assessment of SLO will be an excellent foundation document to build from and is the sort of thing that SACS is looking for. GIMS data for the graduate SLO can also be uploaded into Compliance Assist.

Mark Law made a motion and Theresa seconded to include the assessment surveys in Compliance Assist. The motion passed.

The committee discussed implementation of the motion. Colleges will need to be informed that the reports will be used in this way and programs will be given an opportunity to revise their reports if they wish. The implementation timeline will depend upon when Compliance Assist is operational.

The status of university assessment was discussed. The committee agreed that the university would benefit from aligning the various assessments required so that programs are not burdened by producing multiple reports. The new Director of University Assessment will be able to guide the committee's efforts in supporting both program and student assessment across campus.

Next meeting: Monday, April 25 at 10 am in 239A Tigert Hall