

University Academic Assessment Committee

Minutes, 8/30/10

Present: Mark Law, Sanford Berg, Tim Brophy, Margaret Fields, Anne Kendall, Ann Knoerzer, Bernard Mair, David Pharies, Theresa Vernetson, Michael Weigold, Marie Zeglen,

Changes to ALC

The ALC revision form was discussed and additional changes suggested. Mark will incorporate the changes and send to the committee for final review. An online system for submission of the form will be used. Marie can have a staff person in the provost's office develop an online form that can be accessed and submitted on the committee website. It will not be simple, however, to route the submissions to departments and colleges for approvals as is done for curriculum changes that go to the UCC. Mark will discuss with Bernard and Marie a plan for implementing the online form.

One concern that was raised during the discussion was that on the ALC website maintained by the Registrar, the SLO are not linked to the assessment methods, so it is unclear how individual SLO are being assessed.

SLO and Assessments for Graduate Programs

Marie reported on the SACS response to the interim five-year report. The most important issue they raised was related to distance learning programs and how programs are ensuring that students in the distance programs are achieving the same learning outcomes that on-campus students are. A response is due to SACS in April regarding their concerns. After further investigation, the majority of the distance programs are graduate programs, many of which are non-thesis programs with no project. Programs will be asked to develop SLO and assessment methods for their graduate programs. For April, the emphasis will be on the distance programs, but before the next SACS review in 2013-14, the university will expect all graduate programs to develop SLO and assessment methods.

Next meeting: Tuesday September 28, 2 pm in 239A Tigert Hall