

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 30, 2013, 9:00 GB 120

Present: Connelly, Bob; Eidson, Marshall; Hall, Susan; Harmsen, Earl; James, Glenn (Chair); Jurenovich, David; Light, Kathi; Logan, Robin; Maize, David; Stein, David; Vichcales, Kevin; Zertuche, Alejandra

Walvoord Workshop

Glenn reminded AC of the upcoming workshop on 5/14-15 and especially called attention to the section on 5/15 at 2:30 regarding insights on what to work on next.

Substantive Changes Update

Glenn reported that the agreement with MACC has been finalized for a new dual UIW BA degree in Pastoral Ministry. The question was raised about students coming from our Sister Schools to take UIW courses and whether this involved a sub change. The answer was no since the completion certification they receive does not claim to represent academic credit earned.

QEP Update

Earl explained that there was an excellent response to the survey on topics, 240, and a majority of those were faculty. There were 3 themes that have emerged: global experience, writing, civic leadership. Earl will meet with Kathi early next week to present the 3 options for her decision. He expressed his thanks to all involved in making the QEP a wide community effort and summarized it as a very rewarding experience overall.

Surveys Update

Robin reported that there have been 431 responses so far to the bike sharing survey. The response for ECAR at this point is 7% and NSSE is at 38%. In a later email, Glenn said that on the Grad/Exit survey, the rate is 31% for UG and GR and 73% for students in professional programs. David M said at the meeting that the rate in Pharmacy was 98%.

There was discussion about oversight authority related to survey development and final products posted. AC was reminded that the IRB Committee oversees that type of survey, and faculty do with surveys generated in a class for class purposes, and other institution-wide surveys are overseen by Glenn and Robin. There was also a suggestion that a tutorial be developed to help those considering the development of a survey.

For upcoming surveys, Robin mentioned that there would be alumni, employer surveys this summer through EAP for the first time. This SSI is scheduled for this fall and AC agreed to use that for main campus and do the ALI again in EAP. Renee Moore will do the CORE alcohol and drug survey also in the fall. LibQual for the library will be done in spring 2014. If possible, results of the spiritual climate survey done in spring 2012 will be discussed at the next AC meeting. Depending on that discussion, the survey could be scheduled again for spring of 2015

Quality Review of Program Reviews (PR)

Earl and team will be working through the summer on administrative PRs.

Mission Assessment

Glenn reported on a meeting he and Bob had with Sr. Walter yesterday. She explained in detail all that her office was trying to do including a lengthy discernment process to clarify what the deep meanings of the mission are and how the values are understood, get personalized and lived by different stakeholders. Bob has been invited to join the Mission Committee. Possible changes to update the mission statement itself may be considered later. Glenn highlighted one example from the conversation relating to Sr. Walter arranging a short retreat for athletic coaches. This was in response to the best college survey that indicated this might be an area for improvement. Glenn met with David J who talked to Sr. Walter and she very quickly arranged a time to have Fr. Nesti come and help translate the mission into language coaches can appreciate. Feedback on the retreat was very positive.

Assessing Software to Handle the Faculty Roster for the SACS Compliance Report

Glenn explained that he, Marshall and Robin are looking for the software that will serve our needs in documenting faculty and what they are teaching in fall 2013 and spring 2014. This must include the 250 full-time and all the part-time faculty as well. Software that could accommodate reporting faculty scholarly activity is also needed. Marshall suggested that for consistency we should develop a flowchart and process that details who and how information and changes get posted on whatever we finally choose.

DASH Help for PR

Robin discussed briefly the sessions she has scheduled for PR and asked what might be the best use of these in the future to acquaint folks with DASH. One suggestion was to get perspective and possible suggestions from Walvoord.

DO Medical School

Glenn summarized briefly the presentation done at the community forum yesterday in Marian. A preliminary feasibility study has been done and the committee responsible is recommending that UIW secure support for proceeding from the Graduate Council, Faculty Senate, UPC, and finally the Board in June.

Next Meetings: Tuesday, 5/28, 6/18, 7/30 at 9 in GB 120