



The University Assessment Council
Minutes
October 14, 2014

Present: Ginger Bishop, Mary Kay Meyer, Millie Jackson, Brenda McPherson, Mary Anne Connors, Kevin Whitaker, Jon Acker, Ray White, Jim Bailey, Liza Wilson, Bev Roskos, Holly Hallman, George Daniels, Lorne Kuffel, Vivian Abbott

Discussion

James Hardin was added to the minutes for the September 23, 2014 meeting. The minutes were then approved.

UA's SACSCOC report is now available publically.

QEP update was given by Bev Roskos. The QEP team is putting all the pieces together and a rough draft should be available Monday, October 20, 2014. This will be given to people across campus as well as to the Assessment Council committee members.

The Core Committee is reviewing syllabi for the core.

Ginger Bishop met with the New College reviewer today. Things are going well. New College has revised their assessment plan. They are looking at processes that they already have in place as ways to conduct more meaningful assessment.

Ginger Bishop and Mary Anne Connors are looking at assessment reports and plans as time becomes available. Ginger Bishop would like for the Assessment Council to be involved in this at a later point in time. Ginger and Mary Anne will be meeting with Marilyn Staffo to see if Blackboard can be utilized for assessment reports and plans.

WEAVE training will be held October 27, 2014, provided the contract is approved by Legal. Departments using other assessment tools need to let Ginger or Mary Anne know. Office of Institutional Effectiveness will be establishing training sessions starting in January 2015 on assessment components.

October 28, 2014, Dr. Benson will meet with the Assessment Committee.

Lorne Kuffel gave an update on his and Ginger Bishop's meeting with Dr. Benson and the Dean's. The idea is to make Institutional Effectiveness more meaningful by blending reporting schedules. Dr. Benson is very supportive of this idea. Lorne and Ginger met with Engineering to discuss blending their assessment with a separate accreditation agency. These programs may have to be tailored to specific units but data would then be available when needed. Other programs will be included as requested.

The University should receive the SACACOC Off-Site Committee Report by mid-November. The response to this report, the Focus Report, is due mid-January 2015. The Focus Report is submitted to members of the On-Site Review Committee, another group of peer reviewers who will visit the Tuscaloosa campus March 3-5, 2015. The schedule of interviews to be conducted during the visit will be disseminated as soon as possible. However, it is always subject to change until the On-Site Committee leaves on March 5.

The next meeting is October 28 at 3 p.m. in the East Annex. Dr. Benson will attend. Please note that conferences, holidays, and the uncertain timing of the SACSCOC report from the off-site committee impact the remaining schedule of meetings this fall. Mark your calendars for Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. in the East Annex and Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. in the East Annex.

Meeting was adjourned.