



The University Assessment Council

Minutes

April 24, 2018

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Attendance: Jon Acker, Ginger Bishop, Chris Coleman, George Daniels, Sarah Fitzgerald, Robin Lawson, Tim Salazar, Kevin Walker, Liza Wilson

- Members were reminded to work with their Colleges/Divisions to identify any changes in assessment coordinators (or UAC membership) for the 2018-19 year.
- Video footage was shown from the First Pitch event at the 4/23 UA softball game. In recognition of Psychology receiving the Provost's Assessment Award, Dr. Kristina McDonald (undergrad program coordinator) threw out the first pitch.
- Chris Coleman showed some recent examples of course-based LAT eportfolios created by UA students. He also shared (hard copy and PDF) a one-page document designed for students wanting to create and access LAT accounts via Blackboard. The students can self-enroll in a shell course called "Student ePortfolios." The platform will be promoted via several channels including myBama and the OIT software page.
- The UAC reviewed feedback trends from the now-complete 2016-17 cycle. Improvement in assessment quality was apparent across degree programs and support units, but we still have room to grow—especially with interpretation and use of data to improve student learning/success.
- The UAC discussed the idea of organizing an assessment-themed mini-conference with potential sessions related to advanced measurement, authentic assessment, data review/use, portfolio assignments, etc., with a combination of internal and external presenters. Early-to-mid-semester (Sept. or Feb.) was suggested as a possible time, since many units report on 10/1. The group also requested a list of useful books/articles on assessment.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: May 22nd