



## The University Assessment Council

### Minutes

February 28, 2020

Hagood Conference Room, Reese Phifer

### Attendees

Ginger Bishop, Christy Cole, Chris Coleman, Fran Conners, Allison Curington, Holly Hallmann, James Hardin, Lauren Holmes, Suzanne Horsley, Deidre Leaver-Dunn, Grace Lee, Cecil Robinson, Tim Salazar, Kevin Walker

- The group welcomed Lauren Holmes, who was recently hired to assist Kevin Walker with assessment in UA Libraries.
- Christy C. told the group about the Teaching & Learning Coalition, which is working on a proposal for a dedicated Teaching & Learning Center. The Coalition includes faculty and staff from a variety of units that already provide at least some faculty/GTA/professional development related to teaching, course/curriculum development, and assessment (e.g., A&S; Capstone Center for Student Success; CIT; CCS; College of Education; OIE). A dedicated center would not supplant but supplement existing programs.
- The group provided feedback and suggestions on a draft survey that OIE will send out to Taskstream AMS users.
- The group discussed the philosophy/practice of equity-minded assessment. Several attendees described how they disaggregate data by subgroups of interest; others asked for advice on doing so (e.g., because in ADP program assessment, it can be difficult to connect data/work samples with demographic variables such as gender, race, and first-gen status). Suggestions included requesting student success data from OIRA and working with Tim Salazar on data dives, as some colleges already do. After the meeting, the following articles/books were shared:  
<https://learningoutcomesassessment.org/documents/OccasionalPaper29.pdf>  
<https://www.learningoutcomesassessment.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/A-New-Decade-for-Assessment.pdf>  
<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/feduc.2019.00040/full>  
[https://www.learningoutcomesassessment.org/equity/Weapons of Math Destruction](https://www.learningoutcomesassessment.org/equity/Weapons-of-Math-Destruction) by Cathy O'Neil

### **Meeting adjourned**

Next meeting: March 24, 2020