The University Assessment Council

Minutes
October 27, 2020
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Attendees: Ginger Bishop, Christy Cole, Chris Coleman, Fran Conners, Allison Curington, Holly Hallman, Lauren Holmes, Deidre Leaver-Dunn, Grace Lee, Joyce Meyer, Michele Montgomery, Ariane Prohaska, Cecil Robinson, Tim Salazar, Liza Wilson

- Update on 10/1 assessment reports (participation, screening)
  - Nearly 100% of degree programs on the 10/1 reporting cycle submitted their reports on time. We did have to chase down a couple of departments. Most programs managed to collect some or all of their planned (direct) assessment data in 2019-20, despite the shift to emergency remote instruction.
  - OIE screened 133 Summer/Fall reports, looking for the key 8.2.a elements over the last 3 academic cycles. Of those reports, ~60% got a clean bill of health. The remaining reports were flagged due to (a) assessment gaps in one or more cycles, (b) no clear evidence of seeking improvement, and/or (c) no mention of Covid in 2019-20. OIE intervened in half of the flagged cases (the “fixable” ones), and as of late October the “clean bill of health” rate rose to ~70%, with a couple of departments still working on things.
  - The Colleges with upcoming deadlines have a good chance of exceeding 70%, which is good because there won’t be time to screen/intervene.
• Additional/alternative ways to recognize/honor good assessment work
  o The survey sent out last week netted no responses, which is understandable given the number of pandemic-related fires everyone is striving to contain right now. We’ll table this topic until 2021. If we’re able to have our summer retreat (fingers crossed), this could be a fun design-thinking exercise.

Next Meeting
January 26, 2021*

*if 2021 actually arrives