University Assessment Committee

Minutes from the Meeting of Tuesday, January 26, 2010

3:30 p.m. in the Hidatsa Room - Memorial Union

Members present included: Bakr Aly Ahmed, John Bitzan, Ed Deckard, Myron Eighmy, Carolyn Grygiel, Bob Harrold, Bunnie Johnson-Messelt, Larry Peterson, Bill Slanger.

The minutes from the meeting of October 30, 2009 were approved by consent.

Consideration of the agenda and announcements:

There were no additions or corrections to the proposed agenda for this meeting. Handouts for this meeting were briefly discussed. These included "Opinions of Employers on areas for greater emphasis in college learning outcomes" and "Progress on Reviews of Assessment Reports for 2009-2010. Larry Peterson reported about the UAC having a member on the Ad Hoc Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee.

Unfinished business:

No subcommittee reports were provided. No additional items of unfinished business were presented by members of the University Assessment Committee.

New Business:

Larry Peterson initiated a discussion regarding a system for assigning reviewers for submitted departmental assessment reports. This discussion focused on fairness of workload, advantages and disadvantages associated with small group review teams, and effective and efficient reviews. The consensus of the committee was that opportunities would be available for committee members to volunteer to review those reports submitted in February. Bob will notify all members of available reports as they are submitted. Committee members could either review selected report(s) as an individual or as a member-chosen small team (2 or 3 members). One possibility mentioned was for a small team to choose a small number of assessment reports and each team member serve as the primary reviewer for specific reports.

No further business was presented for consideration by the members of the University Assessment Committee. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Recorder: Ed Deckard