

University Assessment Committee
Meeting Minutes: Monday, September 13, 2010
Location/Time: Hidatsa Room, Memorial Union at 10:00 AM

Members Present: John Bitzan, Ed Deckard, Myron Eighmy, Carolyn Grygiel, Bob Harrold, Bunnie Johnson-Messelt, Marinus Otte, Debb Pankow, Larry Peterson, Bill Slanger, and Amy Rupiper-Taggart as Senate Liaison.

1) Introductions

The meeting began with brief introductions and individual goals for the upcoming year.

2) Corrections to minutes from April 20, 2010

A) Item 1 from Announcements:

General Education Committee was corrected to read General Education Summit (updated minutes attached)

3) Additions to the proposed agenda and announcements:

A) Corrections and updates to the proposed agenda

No corrections/updates

B) Announcements from members of this committee

No Announcements

C) Announcements from related committees or activities

i) Larry Peterson announced the 4th statewide General Education Summit will be held this Friday, September 17th in Bismarck. The goal of the Summit is to wrap up constitution and statewide agreements as well as to develop a General Education Council. The General Education Council will have statewide representation, including Tribal Colleges, and will address assessment and transfer issues.

ii) Amy Rupiper-Taggart brought about discussion in regard to the Faculty Senate Standing Committee structure. Faculty Senate Standing Committees are being reviewed because of the recent change from University Senate to Faculty Senate. The possibility of moving UAC to University Committees was discussed as UAC has representation from areas other than academic departments. Consensus was received for UAC to remain as a Faculty Senate Standing Committees as it allows more buy-in and visibility.

D) Items presented by members of the University Assessment Committee

i) Higher Learning Commission is changing some aspects of accreditation

a) The Higher Learning Commission will be transitioning from 10 year reporting requirements to more substantial annual updates through an electronic database. More information will be available in the future.

ii) Gainful Employment

a) Proposed regulations will require institutions to show that they are preparing students for gainful employment or they will risk losing Title IV Financial Aid. Gainful employment is determined by taking into account a student's debt and income % with relation to the repayment rate. Final rules will be posted November 1st.

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- iii) Classroom Assessment Techniques
 - b) Bob provided results from a Google search for “Classroom Assessment Techniques”. The search results are a tool for faculty, especially new faculty, to identify assessment techniques that can be applied in their classes. Marinus Ott asked about an NDSU site for assessment resources. Finding the time to create & maintain the site is an issue.
- iv) Upper-Division Writing Assessment
 - c) Amy Rupiper-Taggart announced the UDW Assessment will take place Friday, September 17 from 9 AM – Noon in the Hidatsa room at the Memorial Union. If anyone has the time and interest, please attend as feedback would be very useful.

4) Unfinished business:

- A) Items presented by members of the University Assessment Committee
No unfinished business presented

5) New Business:

- A) Planning activities for the 2010 – 2011 academic year
 - i) Completion of University-wide Assessment Plan (Academic Affairs section)
 - a) Bunnie Johnson-Messelt, Larry Peterson, & Debb Pankow volunteered for the University-wide Assessment Committee. David Scott will remain as the committee chair.
 - ii) Education and Training
 - a) Ed Deckard, John Bitzan Myron Eighmy, and Marinus Ott volunteered for the Education and Training Committee.
- B) Status of reviews of assessment reports
There is one report from last year that is yet to be reviewed. Bob will bring a spreadsheet to the next meeting showing the past academic year review progress as well as those initiated for the new academic year.
- C) Items presented by members of the University Assessment Committee
No items presented

6) Other items as presented by members of the University Assessment Committee

No items presented

7) Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Recorder: Kristen Tomanek