

University Assessment Committee
Minutes from the Meeting of Tuesday, April 20, 2010
3:30 p.m. in the Hidatsa Room – Memorial Union

A quorum was declared at approximately 3:40 p.m. The following members checked in or were present: Bakr Aly Ahmed, John Bitzan, Ed Deckard, Brian Fier, Bob Harrold, Bunnie Johnson-Messelt, Robert Littlefield, Larry Peterson, and Robert Vallie.

The meeting began with Robert Littlefield volunteering to serve as recorder for the meeting and the minutes from the previous meeting of February 23, 2010 were approved by consent.

There were no additions, corrections, or updates to the proposed agenda.

Announcements included:

1. The statewide General Education Committee is meeting later this week. Assessment is on the agenda, focusing on “how we learn from other campuses.” The need to coordinate efforts was discussed.
2. The Department of Education is following up on its recommendations pertaining to the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. Some of the recommendations pertain to assessment. More information will become available.

There was no unfinished business to consider.

New business included a discussion of the planning for 2010-2011 academic year. At this point Student Affairs and Extension have completed their sections of the University-wide Assessment Plan. Academic Affairs needs to be completed, so that committee will be activated in September to report by January.

Some discussion of education and training opportunities for department head/chairs and faculty focused on scheduled workshops and meetings but no action was taken. Bunnie reported that Student Affairs planned a June training session where Michael Harwood, Associate Dean of Student Life would co-lead with her. 13/14 departments in Student Affairs have submitted assessment plans and the assessment process will occur during 2010-2011 academic year.

It was moved and seconded that a unanimous ballot be cast for Bob Harrold as chair of the committee for the 2010-2011 academic year. Carried

Individuals whose terms end in spring 2010 were recognized and thanked for their service on the committee: Brian Fier, Connor Johnson, Ken Magel. Bob Harrold will verify membership on the committee before the fall term begins.

With no other items to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Passed.