Annual Report: 2012-13 University Assessment Committee

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1. 2012-13 University Assessment Committee Members:
Margaret Andersen (BUS), Jeffrey Boyer (SM), Kevin Brooks (AHSS), Ann Clapper (Grad), Jennifer DeCock (student), Julie Garden-Robinson (Extension), Brenda Hall (HDE), Bunnie Johnson-Messelt (SA), Larry Peterson (OAAAA), Scott Pryor (AFSNR), Bruce Rafert (Provost), Elizabeth Skoy (PNAS), William Slanger (OIRA), Chad Ulven (EA), David Wittrock (DCE), and Mary Wright (GE).

2. Meetings:

3. Assessment Reports and Reviews:

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4. Committee actions
   - Reports and Reviews
     - Used Provost’s influence to get reports from 12/14 units with no reports since 2008-09 or earlier
     - Requested updated learning outcomes and assessment plans from all majors
     - Experimented with electronic template for primary reviews
     - Initiated creation of new electronic rubric for primary reviews
     - Revised guidelines for departments to include a glossary and use a consistent vocabulary. Units will be assigned one of three due dates for reports instead of being able to choose among four options.
   - Accreditation
     - Higher Learning Commission Criterion 3.3.3: “Every degree program offered by the institution engages students in collecting, analyzing, and communicating information; in mastering modes of inquiry or creative work; and in developing skills adaptable to changing environments.”
       - Decided to create a checklist for above learning activities as either part of the guidelines for departments or part of our own reviewing process.
       - Agreed to mine the information about department capstones collected by Core Undergraduate Learning Experiences for evidence that programs were meeting 3.3.3.
   - Other
     - Held successful and well-attended Assessment Luncheon on April 11, 2013 with presentations from the School of Education, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Pharmacy Practice.
     - Discussed software for assessment and curriculum mapping
     - Discussed improving inter-rater reliability