University Assessment Committee  
Wednesday, September 3, 2014  
1:30-3:30 p.m.  
ST South 2032  
Minutes

Attendees: Connie Shriner, Barb Kopp Miller, Marlene Porter, Chris Roseman, Alana Malik, Brian Ashburner, Anthony Edgington, Mary Ellen Edwards, Bridget Faricy-Beredo, Mingyang Liu, Deborah Mattin, Susan Pocotte, Kim Pollauf, Steven Peseckis, Drew Scales, Stephen Schissler, Holly Monsos, Aimee Mendelsohn, Julie Thomas, Marilynne Wood, Barbara Schneider,

Welcome and Introductions
Marlene Porter welcomed everybody back to school. Brief self-introductions among the attendees were given.

Presentations
No presentations.
Marlene asked UAC members to sign up presentations for 2014-2015.

UAC Chair Report
Chris Roseman volunteered to serve as Vice Chair of UAC in 2014-2015.
Marlene Porter gave a summary of the service unit meeting on Aug. 29. Attendees discussed the needs of the service units and reviewed the templates for the reports and plans. In particular, the definition of the academic support activities was clarified and redefined through discussions.

Vice Provost Report
Connie Shriner thanked the UAC group for their hard work in the past year, and in particular she showed great appreciation towards Alana and Marlene for their tremendous efforts behind the scenes. Connie stated that the institution is facing a new challenge of redefining assessment and shaping the culture of assessment.
Office of Assessment, Accreditation, and Program Review Report

Alana thanked those who made efforts to attend extra meetings in the last month.

A recorder was purchased to record the UAC meeting in order to keep track of the minutes along as facilitate future focus group interview as part of the general education assessment plan.

Alana has been collecting and organizing the general education assessment reports.

Alana stated that the templates will not change much, and one more round of reporting per course in this year was requested by the provost.

Alana is currently working with Tony Edgington to set up the fall administration of the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA). She also thanked Tony for coordinating the CLA.

Alana announced the IUPIU Assessment Institute, October 19-21, 2014, Connie and Chris are planning to attend. Core Curriculum Committee members are also encouraged to participate.

http://www.assessmentinstitute.iupui.edu/index.shtml

HLC Criterion 4 Report

Barb Kopp Miller stated that the HLC Criterion 4 committee met last week and set up the fall and spring schedule. At this moment, the committee is still gathering evidence.

Faculty Assessment Representative Report

Chris Roseman stated that there is a deep appreciation and recognition among faculty towards the UAC.

He shared that some programs are excited to see that data suggest that there is a need for continuous improvement.

He further mentioned that there is a struggle/concern among faculty as to how to unify a rubric across one course.

Alana shared with the UAC that some new faculty members appreciated the information and resources regarding assessment provided at the new faculty orientation.

2012-2013 UAC Annual Report Review

Marlene Porter called for a vote to approve the 2012-2013 UAC Annual Report.
Barb Kopp Miller suggested that UAC members read through the report and provide feedback to Alana and Barb. The UAC will vote in the next meeting.

Connie Shriner commented on the report concerning the general interpretations of the results and how the data will inform the decision making in the future.

Discussion

Blackboard Outcomes—Tony Edgington stated that the pilot from spring semester was not successful and it was getting better in the summer. He had been piloting the program in selected sections of English Composition in spring and summer.

Barb Kopp Miller stated that UT is at a position to determine if to renew the license for the next year. She also explained that she would have more time to learn and assess the system.

Connie asked if there is a way to let the faculty see the potential of the system.

Deborah Mattin provided an example of using Qualtrics as an alternative in Nursing.

Liaison Report Template—Alana Malik—prefer to have a single report that serves both academic and service unit liaisons in the future. Susan Pocotte—we may need to stick to the two separate reports for another year to have a better understanding of the ratings, languages, etc used in the report. Chris Roseman—agreed that to gradually merge the two reports in the future.

In response to the confusion over the instruction and wording under Part III: Sharing and discussing assessment, clarifications/revisions for III.3 and III.4 need to be made and reviewed by UAC members. It is noted that this part should be completed by liaisons based on their own knowledge.

Report Deadlines—Marlene reminded the group that the plans are due by October 1st and have the reports due to the liaisons one month later, November 1st. Liaisons reports due by November 17th.

Updates Round Table—None.