

**Academic Assessment Committee
Minutes for April 23, 2008**

In attendance: S. Adair, B. Hosch, C. Jones, K. Kostelis, G. Mejia, C. Menoche, M.A. Nunn, C. Morano

Minutes approved

The minutes from the March 12, 2008 meeting were approved.

CLA Update

Dr. Hosch reported 98 seniors had completed the CLA, and three more are scheduled for 4/24 (the last day of testing). He predicted that the results for seniors will likely show Central's student perform as expected, although many departures from random sampling in this administration of CLA may skew the results. He observed that CLA should be considered an accountability initiative more than an assessment tool. Dr. Hosch indicated he made a recommendation to the Provost to wait until 2009-10 to conduct the CLA again, and spend 2008-09 analyzing data, although the Provost appeared to support administration of the CLA in 2008-09. A decision to participate will not be made until results from the seniors tested in 2008 are received.

Committee Description and Policy

The Faculty Senate approved the proposed academic assessment policies. The only change was that, "appointed faculty members serve one-year terms, for up to six consecutive years."

Continuing Membership Plan for 2008-09

The approved plan for AAC membership is that there will be four elected members and eight recurring members appointed by the deans. Dr. Hosch will send an email survey/select-a-box to the present members regarding their willingness to continue on the committee. Those that are willing will stand for election in the fall.

Continued discussion of reports to committee

Regarding department program reviews, the present process for reporting to the CT Dept. of Higher Education is cumbersome, and Dr. Hosch suggested Departments do not submit assessment reports in the same way in the future. His suggestion was to start releasing guidelines to department chairs and have a continuous information campaign through September 30. He will make an announcement on this very soon. The cycle of program reviews will be determined in many respects by the reports received. For the immediate future, "program" will be interpreted as those recognized by CT Dept of Higher Education that grant degrees; this will count those that culminate in a BA or a BS as one program.

There was a discussion about the academic assessment policy reports. Dr. Hosch will draft guidelines for discussion at the next meeting.

Next the final committee meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 9:00-10:00 a.m. in HB 108.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Morano