

Academic Assessment Committee

Minutes for November 17, 2008

In attendance: S. Adair, C. Broadus-Garcia, M. Gendron, N. Hoffman, B. Hosch, T. Jarmoszko, J. Jones, K. Kostelis, C. Menoche, J. Mulrooney, M.A. Nunn, A. Porzorski, H. Wang, Carol Morano (guest)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 20, 2008 were approved.

Election of Chair

Jason Jones was elected as the AAC's new chairperson.

Updates from Director of OIRA

Dr. Hosch reported that the NEASC team indicated in their exit interview that assessment would be noted as a "concern" in their final report to the Commission, although they did observe that promising plans to advance assessment of student learning had been developed, and the University's participation in CLA was mentioned as a positive initiative. CCSU will need to make significantly more progress in this area.

For the Committee's information, Dr. Hosch distributed the NEASC forms on "Becoming More Explicit in Looking at Student Success." We do not have to submit these forms at this time, but when we do, Option E2 (Voluntary System of Accountability Plus Program Review) may be the model most suited to our use (Option E1 may also be viable, but it will require explicit external review of the general education program). We will need a program review in place in order to complete either set of forms, as state in NEASC standards 4.8 and 4.9.

Discuss and adopt review plan for degree programs

The Committee discussed the proposed review plan drafted by Dr. Hosch at the Committee's request. The plan provides for review of all reports submitted as of 11/17/08 in order to meet the Committee's intent to provide feedback to all programs in the first year of this review process. Members of the committee will divide up the task of reading and reporting on degree program assessment reports. The Committee will be subdivided into four groups. Each group will have 18-19 reports to review. A slightly revised rubric to follow when reviewing reports was distributed. Reporting on these reviews needs to be completed before summer break. Members will not review their own department's report. Committee members should notify OIRA by December 1, 2008 any special requests for group assignments and for hard copies of reports.

Discuss CLA report to Faculty Senate

Dr. Hosch reported that President firmly supports continuing the CLA with an eye toward solidifying testing procedures that generate reliable results; financial support would be made available to expand CLA testing if necessary, which would also allow Schools to receive reports specific to their students. The AAC will make their recommendations regarding the CLA to the Faculty Senate on Jan. 26, 2009, following receipt of the NEASC team's report.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be on Monday, December 1, 2008 in the Clock Tower Room, Student Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Morano