

Academic Assessment Committee

Minutes for December 1, 2008

In attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from November 17, 2008 were approved with minor corrections.

Discuss and finalize review plan for degree programs

With some adjustments, the review plan for degree programs meets approval. Reporting will be completed by the end of spring semester. Braden will put together a boilerplate so readers can plug-in their comments. He is also available to edit any reports. Narratives should include a quick 1-2 pages overview of departmental reports. Narrative will be given back to departments; not grades. There was much discussion on strategies for completing the evaluations. This discussion will be revisited at the next meeting (in February).

Finalize CLA report to Faculty Senate

Regarding future CLA testing, the AAC approved the following statement to be voted on by the Faculty Senate in January 2009:

While there are concerns about the methodology and meaning of the CLA, in the context of NEASC concerns about assessment, the Faculty Senate recommends the continued use, and as feasible expansion, of the CLA as one measure of student performance in critical thinking, analytical reasoning, problem solving, and writing, subject to continued evaluation by the Academic Assessment Committee.

Also, the Faculty Senate will be asked to vote on the following second statement in January 2009:

In order to facilitate the evaluation and study of the CLA, the Faculty Senate authorizes the publication of its results on the university's website.

NSSE items related to general education by School

There was a discussion reviewing results of the National Survey of Student Engagement (2008) related to general education. In general, even though our response rate was low, CCSU students compared as expected to other similar Carnegie Master I groups. Testing will continue in spring 2009 with results reported in summer 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be on Monday, February 2, 2009 in the 1849 Room, Student Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Morano

Meeting Schedule for 2008-09

The meeting schedule for 2008-09 is as follows

Day	Date	Time	Location
M	2/2/2009	3:30pm-5:00pm	1849 Room SC
M	3/2/2009	3:30pm-5:00pm	1849 Room SC
M	3/16/2009	3:30pm-5:00pm	1849 Room SC
M	4/6/2009	3:30pm-5:00pm	1849 Room SC
M	4/20/2009	3:30pm-5:00pm	1849 Room SC
M	5/4/2009	3:30pm-5:00pm	1849 Room SC