

## **Academic Assessment Committee Minutes for October 20, 2008**

In attendance: S. Adair, B. Hosch, K. Kostelis, C. Menoche, M.A. Nunn, P. Petterson, A. Porzorski, C. Morano (guest)

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from October 6, 2008 were approved.

### **NEASC Visit**

NEASC requested a review of all assessment reports. Braden submitted the reports to the Committee. So far there are no questions from NEASC about the assessment endeavor and the review is going well.

### **Collegiate Learning Assessment**

Dr. Hosch reported that he met with President Miller and Provost Lovitt to discuss administration of the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA). Dr. Hosch also reported that the President was pleased with the results of the testing and wants to move forward to expand future use of the CLA in the future, citing the value of the instrument to the University.

### **CLA Report to Faculty Senate**

It was decided that the AAC will make a report to the Faculty Senate about the CLA at the January 26, 2009 meeting. The AAC will make recommendations to the Faculty Senate. Included in the report to the Senate will be a description of the administration, results, analysis of results, and a recommendation for future administration. There was some discussion on incentives for seniors taking the CLA in the spring semester, as well as the possibility of contacting student teachers to take the CLA during spring break. It was noted that when a professor was present, the student testing results were higher in the 2007-08 administration of the test.

### **General Education Assessment**

The Committee discussed strategies to encourage more academic departments to put together consistent data collection for General Education learning outcomes. The assessment program for general education needs to fulfill two functions: 1) demonstrate how Departments are using assessment data to make adjustments and improvements, and 2) demonstrate where student strengths and weaknesses may lie. The Committee agreed that all data gathered should be linked to the outcomes being crafted by the General Education Subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee. There was discussion on proposing a scale for collecting consistent data from departments, but the Committee opted to allow Departments to use a scale suggested by the AAC or to use a Department-specific scale, so long as the percent passing and failing (acceptable/not acceptable) could be identified on the scale.

### **Update on Degree Program Assessment Reports**

There was discussion about three sample degree program assessment reports that Committee members had reviewed in advance. The best model used an external measure (a nationally benchmarked test) and several internal measures, although these were under development in many cases; some learning outcomes also needed clarification, and the report indicated some reluctance to address outcomes that measurements had shown to be weak two years in a row. The other models had results and measurements that were unclear. One report measured sixty students on 30+ outcomes, yet all results indicated that 100% were at the acceptable level. The other report was deemed to be "thin." Both of these reports were generally rated below an acceptable level. Committee members agreed that a future category on the rubric should be, "each learning outcome is discrete and well defined."

Dr. Hosch will construct a plan for AAC members to review and provide feedback for degree program assessment reports. Reporting on these reports will take place at our next meeting on November 17, 2008.

There is no AAC meeting on November 3, 2008. The next meeting will be November 17, 2008 at 3:30 pm in the 1849 Room, Student Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Morano

### **Meeting Schedule for 2008-09**

The meeting schedule for 2008-09 is as follows

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
M	9/15/2008	3:30pm-5:00pm	Clock Tower SC
M	10/6/2008	3:30pm-5:00pm	1849 Room SC
M	10/20/2008	3:30pm-5:00pm	1849 Room SC
M	11/3/2008	3:30pm-5:00pm	1849 Room SC
M	11/17/2008	3:30pm-5:00pm	1849 Room SC
M	12/1/2008	3:30pm-5:00pm	Clock Tower SC
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