

**University Assessment Council
NSSE Survey's Subcommittee
Minutes**

Thursday, January 29, 2003
105-K ATRC
3:30 p.m.

Present: P. Bowers, A. Carlozzi, K. Kelsey, J. Locke, S Ownbey, C. Reichard J. Wallin, T. Magness

Announcements:

Committee members were given a copy of the 2002 OSU Annual Assessment Report. Julie reminded members that the report can be used to compare assessment methods among academic units and review how other programs are implementing outcomes assessment.

This year the annual assessment reports and budget requests from academic units will be due on June 13th. Julie related that this may help departments when coordinating assessment activities for the next fiscal year. Additional information will be sent to Assessment Coordinators.

Council members received a copy of the OUA-SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) document that was submitted in December to Academic Affairs.

OSU will be presenting two papers at the 2003 HLC-NCA annual meeting. J. Wallin and B. Masters will present a paper on OSU's General Education Assessment initiatives and J. Wallin will present a paper with the assessment directors from University of Nebraska - Lincoln and Eastern Illinois University on using the NCA Assessment Matrix.

Agenda:

1. 2002 NSSE Results for OSU

- Communicating Results
- Acting on Results

The committee received website and related background information regarding the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). OSU participated in the survey in 2000 and again in 2002.

A DRAFT copy of the OSU report was shared along with individual college-level reports. The committee discussed the results of the survey and what the next steps should be in utilizing the information. Key topics of discussion were to identify the most meaningful information, how to disseminate the findings of the report, how to get faculty to use the information, and how the information will be used in OSU's re-accreditation self study for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC/NCA).

J. Wallin encouraged committee members to review the results and to share information among faculty groups and program leaders. To obtain a more sufficient sample sizes to make college- or program-level evaluations, some of the NSSE survey questions could be integrated into locally developed surveys; assessment funds could be used to support this effort. The Zoology department has already done this, and results from that survey was shared with the committee.

Discussion included the need for campus leaders to do more to create a culture of learning on campus. Suggestions included making more visible teaching rewards for faculty members, providing faculty training or mentoring to foster good educational practices in the classroom, and bringing more intellectual activities to campus such as a more scholarly speakers series.

Disseminating the results of the NSSE to faculty and key administrators was discussed. J. Wallin stated she would work with G. Gates to identify groups where the NSSE data could to be shared. The committee identified Instruction Council, Dean's Council, General Education Advisory Council and Academic and College Departmental meetings as important places for initially communicating the NSSE information.

The committee was charged with identifying and reviewing results of the NSSE and to meet again with ideas for implementation.

Adjourned: 4:45 p.m.

Next meetings:

2-12-03

2-19-03

4-2-03

5-6-03 Full Council meeting