

University Assessment Council

Minutes

Friday, April 1, 2005

250 Student Union

2:00 p.m.

Present: G Lage, G. Gates, P. Lumpkin, S. Ownbey, E. Rabinowitz, A. Carlozzi, C. Hawkins, G. Wilber

Guest: Brenda Masters

OSU Accreditation Update – Update given by Masters. Site visit from our Accreditation Association will be in September. Masters asked that Assessment Council members keep those dates open on their calendar, because this group is one of the ones that will meet with the evaluators. There are two institutional accreditation objectives: 1) quality assurance and 2) institutional and program improvement. General institutional requirements for the institution in terms of the documentation that OSU provides to the Higher Learning Commission: institution has a clear mission and have it broadly advertised, authorization to give degrees, who governs the university, faculty (who are they, what categories do they fall in to), educational program, finances, and public information. Masters reviewed the criterion statements. Draft two of the self-study report is posted on the web site, and the resource room is being prepared (a standing electronic room and a physical room). Source writings on the web are the writings generated by the faculty group. Masters reviewed a booklet that will be used to prepare the OSU community for the site visit.

The schedule of the evaluators while they are here is up to the chair of the evaluation team. If the chair doesn't initiate a schedule, Strathe has a template of one that can be sent to the chair to prompt them. Groups that will be on the official schedule will be: deans, vice presidents, Regents, directors, faculty council, staff council, two or three people from Assessment Council, and open forums for students/staff/faculty at different times.

General Education Assessment Update – Gen Ed Assessment will be working this summer on four institutional portfolios: written communication, math problem-solving, science problem-solving, and critical thinking skills.

Academic Program Review – Dr. Strathe has asked that the Assessment Council review Academic Program Review documents for those programs under review in Spring 2005, and provide feedback regarding the effectiveness of program outcomes assessment. Council members will be asked to review documents this summer, and provide feedback for the programs.

Annual Assessment Reports and Budget – The 2004-05 Annual Assessment Reports and FY'06 Budget Requests are due June 10, 2005. Recommendations for assessment budget allocations for 2005-06 will be presented at the first Fall semester meeting of the Council.