

University Assessment Council Minutes

Friday, September 29, 2006
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
224 Student Union (Regency Room)

Present: J. Comer, S. Damron, B. Davis, G. Gates, G. Lage, M. Mowen, S. Ownbey, M. Payton, J. Paustenbaugh, D. Thompson, T. Weir, and G. Wilber

Brenda Masters (Institutional Research and Information Management, IRIM) reported that OSU is developing a Data Warehouse to provide convenient access to institutional data for basic administrative decision making. The warehouse will eventually contain data on faculty, staff, students, and administration. Initially data from SIS, HRS, and FRS relating to faculty information have been accumulated into a single database. One long-range goal of the project is to incorporate the currently under-construction assessment database with the Institutional Data Warehouse.

In October, deans and department heads of programs that participated in Academic Program Review (APR) in Spring 2006 will be meeting with the Provost, Associate Vice President for Academic Programs, Dean of the Graduate College, and the Director of University Assessment and Testing to discuss the status of, and recommendations about, the programs. Bowers will provide feedback to each program on the status of the program outcomes assessment reported in the APR document.

The same administrators named above and the Director of IRIM will meet in October with department heads of programs that will participate in APR in Spring 2007, to discuss and clarify expectations for the review process.

This Fall semester, this council will review and provide feedback on program outcomes assessment to those programs that will participate in APR in Spring 2008.

The Office of University Assessment and Testing will be conducting the Survey of Alumni of Graduate Programs in early Spring 2007. The survey will target Alumni who graduated in 2005 and 1999. All alumni will be asked to respond to a set of common questions, and academic units (college, department, or degree program) may provide specific questions to be asked of their graduates only.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.