



Assessment and Academic Improvement Council

Friday, September 13, 2013

3:00 PM, Student Union Exhibit room 1 (413)

1. Introductions and welcome

Call to order 1:35 pm.

Approval of minutes from April 2013

-Minutes were approved with modifications to paragraph 7. Changes made.

2. Election of Chair for AAIC, Bob Davis nominated Carol Johnson. Carol deferred to serve until Jan 2014, but Brenda Masters will remain Interim Chair until Carol can take over. She will then take on the Chair position for a three semester term. Vote was unanimous.

3. Discussion Items.

a. College Coordinator Program /Program Assessment Specialist Program, the 3 year plan ended June 30, 2013. Some colleges choose to have an Assessment Specialist and others choose to take the funding offered. Decision can be made college by college to choose which option works best for them. Ag will use Jane Swinney and A&S as well as HS will continue to use Rick Rohrs as their Assessment Specialist. Dr. Masters suggested that funding be increased from \$5000 to \$10,000 for those colleges not utilizing an Assessment Specialist, and additional increase in funding for the colleges that use Assessment Specialist; as adequate funding is available. Areas not accredited could be encouraged to take advantage of funding available to them for accreditation. Vote to increase the amount to the colleges for assessment. Bod Davis motion to increase funding, Carol Johnson second, vote was accepted and approved.

b. Update on funding for Program Assessment \$123,720.06 allocated to the colleges and has been transferred to the departments. Reports are submitted each year to show what they did for Assessment and where funds were used. Funding is allocated to the accounts with specific sub codes identified for use.

c. The Turn It In software license was funded by University Assessment and Testing. Do we want to continue to fund from UAT. Item tabled until new Assessment Director hired.

d. Summer salary began with Pam Bowers and Jeremy Penn reduced the funding per Jon Comer.

4. Planning for 2013-14

a. Mark Nicholas has sent reminders to the Coordinators and Associate Dean's on 9-15-2013 that the Program Assessment reports are due 9-27-2013.

b. Assessment plans need to have guidance; some plans have not been updated in decades. Academic Affairs can set a time frame for reviewing of plans.

c. Survey of Alumni from Undergrads programs. Mid October UAT will send out requests to the departments for input of college specific questions to be added to the surveys.

d. VSA- Margaret Spellings Ed Secretary under Bush has called for all institutions to be accountable for Learning Outcomes. Voluntary disclosure on a value added model from Freshmen to Seniors, learning outcomes related to Critical Thinking and Written Communication. We are due to submit our academic gains this year. Rubrics have been put together by teams created by American Association of Colleges and Universities that are more faculty driven assessment of outcomes. We need to sample freshmen in the first semester and seniors in their final semester. The country is moving toward a more portfolio based value rubric. Our critical thinking rubric is close to the value rubric and provides some overlap. But the Written is very different from the value rubrics.

5. Assessment updates

a. Comer said data is available and ready for analysis. Lisa Cota is starting on the analysis.

b. Online SSI pilot update. Pilot is extended we will continue the sample using Campus Labs. Bid is in place to purchase the online SSI systems.

6. College updates... none.

7. Adjourn 5:00 pm