Assessment & Academic Improvement Council Agenda

Minutes

Friday, September 1st, 2023 • 1:30pm – 3:00pm • SU Room 460

Present: M. Borunda (on behalf of A. Doust), K. Hickman, M. Rabens, K. Loper (on behalf of A. Sanogo), J. Van Delinder, T. Lightner, J. Weathers, C. Francisco, J. Comer, L. Burns, T. Misener, R. Chung, A. Peterson

Absent: M. Bayles, M. Upson

Guests: K. Holcomb, K. Hunger

Call to Order. Call to order by J. Van Delinder at 1:31 pm

Approval of Email Update Minutes: Motion by K. Hickman / Seconded by C. Francisco

Upcoming AAIC meetings

I. 10/6 (Email update), 11/3 (In person meeting; SU Room 460), and 12/1 (Email update).

Updates

I. Endorsement of making Student Affairs seat Ex Officio
   i. Motion by K. Hickman / Seconded by T. Lightner

II. Assessment Team position update
   i. New Assessment Coordinator: Kaitlynn Holcomb
   ii. New Assessment Specialist: Cat Bertucci

III. POA follow-up meetings update and upcoming plans – Kelva/Kaitlynn
   i. Current meeting completion rate – have met with 106 out of 250 programs thus far (have reached out to 149 in total)
       i. UAT will reach out to the remaining 100 programs in Fall 2023 and Spring 2024. The initiative should conclude by Summer 2024.
   ii. Fall 2023 POA meetings will resume in October (after POA reports have been submitted and reviewed)
       i. College representatives were asked to direct program assessment coordinators to UAT that may have been missed or busy during the initial POA meeting scheduling period.

IV. 2023 OSU Student Satisfaction and Engagement Survey Report – Kelva
   i. Pilot of the combined SSES. The theorized model was found to be reliable (Cronbach's alpha = 0.925) and valid (CFI = 0.919, RMSEA = 0.055, SRMR = 0.049).
   ii. The total cleaned response rate was 25.0%.
   iii. A full version of the report will be posted on UAT's website and relevant information from the report will be included in the OSRHE report this fall. It was shared among AAIC immediately after meeting.

V. HLC QI progress update – Kaitlynn
   i. UAT is working on a comprehensive update regarding the HLC QI. This will be shared with AAIC and CAGE in the coming months.

VI. Nuventive Platform – Kaitlynn
   i. New user interface; updated training materials are now available on the Canvas Community page and on the side panel in Nuventive
   ii. POA Reports due September 15th.
       i. 20 out of 302 programs have marked their reports complete in Nuventive.
       ii. Program assessment coordinators will receive email reminders about upcoming date. College assessment coordinators will receive a completion rate email on Monday, September 18th. Nuventive will close for UAT's review process on October 2nd.
   iii. It was suggested by C. Francisco that the yearly POA requirement may be changed to every other year or on an equivalent rotating basis due to updates in State Regent policies. Follow-up on this topic will occur later in the fall semester.

VII. Assessment Data Analytics using longitudinal data analysis – Kelva
   i. Preliminary analysis shows differences between undergraduate and graduate programs, especially within the SLOs and Methods components of the report. J. Van Delinder asked for clarification on the reasoning behind these differences; K. Hunger reported that it is likely due to lower student counts in graduate programs and challenges specific to those programs within assessment work.

VIII. GE Assessment/GE Working Group – Kelva
   i. A consideration of the GE course designations is being reviewed in relation to the Regents Guidelines (GEWG).
   ii. Current reporting year for GE Assessment is on Written Communication and Critical Thinking (CAGE)
   iii. Current assessment year for GE Assessment is on Diversity (CAGE)

IX. Academic Program Review (APR) New Process
   i. UAT is working with the Provost's office to establish a new APR process.

      i. This process was slated to be introduced within Instruction Council and Dean's Council in the following weeks.

      ii. The updated APR will capture the last two years' of programs (approx. 120 programs).

      iii. More information will be released via UAT's website and email blasts in the coming months. Those programs up for APR review will be contacted directly.

    X. HLC prep

      i. Accreditation steering committee will be created to begin the process of preparing the HLC reaffirmation of confirmation argument.

      ii. UAT is putting together comprehensive explanatory materials regarding accrediation that can be shared campus wide so that all parties are informed of the steps for reaffirmation of accreditation and review criteria.

Current Discussion

    I. Assessment funding request for next year

      i. A discussion was had regarding whether college funding be applied to supporting APR peer reviewers.

      ii. Colleges would be expected to pay for any peer reviewer payments over the allotted college funding amount.

      iii. It was suggested that the two peer reviewers should collaborate with each other during the review process.

      iv. C. Francisco clarified that the dean's offices would have veto power over the chosen peer reviewers as needed.

    II. UAT Assessment Award

      i. With AAIC's endorsement we will send out the nomination information in an email blast on Wednesday (September 6th).

      ii. Programs will have until September 29th to submit their nominations. UAT will provide further information about the winners during the October AAIC Email update.

Upcoming Discussion

    I. Funding Guidelines on specifics of GRA time and duties

    II. Alumni Survey Reform

    III. Opportunity for sponsorship of faculty representative (Assessment Champion) to HLC

    IV. New Power BI analytics in Nuventive

College Updates

    I. T. Misener outlined that Student Affairs are working on establishing a Council for Advancement of Standards. They will create a review of what is missing from the campus through assessment of Student Affairs related programs and will further create action plans for improvement and realignment with standards.

    II. L. Burns announced that IRA is working to create a dashboard of longitudinal SSI results spanning backwards to 2016. This will be available on October 1st and will have leveled access for stakeholders on campus from instructors to upper administration. They will be further developing a qualitative analysis of the open-ended comments.

    III. A. Peterson reported on the success of the Lights on Stillwater event and will further update the council on the engagement and progress of other SGA projects throughout the semester.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm motioned by K. Hickman / seconded by M. Borunda