

University Assessment Committee MINUTES

June 24, 2019 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Morrison Hall - Board Conference Room

Attendance

Present: Brien Bolin (LAS Fairmount College), Whitney Crager (Health Professions), Jim Clark (Business), Deepak Gupta (Engineering), Kaye Monk-Morgan (Academic Affairs), Alicia Newell (Student Affairs), Clay Stoldt (Applied Studies), Ginger Williams (University Libraries) and Lydia Santiago (Academic Affairs),

Meeting Handouts

- Minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting
- *NSSE Current snapshot of 2019*
- CLA spring 2018 results and fall 2019/spring 2020 handout
- Student Services Program Review
- Fall Planning Symposia

Approval of the Minutes

Clay Stoldt moved to accept the April 16, 2019 minutes with noted corrections. Ginger Williams, seconded the motion. The committee unanimously supported the motion.

Assessment Committee Discussion

Final NSSE Numbers: The report is not yet available.

CLA: When looking at participation, 100 students may participate but even that number is low to get a true assessment of the freshman and senior student body. The question becomes are we using the CLA as an assessment tool or is it used to check-a-box? Is there another assessment tool that could replace the CLA? If so, whose decision is it to look at and make a change? The general education committee is using the CLA to determine the impact of general education curriculum on the student but it is this committee that is using CLA to evaluate the assessment of that curriculum. Therefore, it is this committee that would make a decision if we continue using CLA or look for an alternate assessment tool. It is an option to consult with Fairmount College to evaluate what metrics are important and ask for their guidance.

Kaye polled both freshman seminar and senior capstone instructors to offer CLA through their coursework, maybe five to six instructors have responded. Kaye will send it out to faculty again as an effort to increase the participation. Faculty participating in this effort would be incentivized for their participation. CLA will be sent to students after the fall testing dates have been set through WSU Testing Services. It was noted that there was a time when the CLA was completed in the classroom and the students would write and score their own. However, it was a fair amount of work from the faculty. The work will continue to increase the number of CLA participants.

Student Services Program Review: In review of efforts to create a culture of assessment, it was noted that WSU did not have an assessment process to support Student Affairs. However with the help of Alicia Newell, a day and a half CAS workshop was held in April that was well received with good attendance. The process

will begin soon. The first set of evaluators is Housing & Residential Life and Disability Services in addition to the two student services who report to Academic Affairs. The rotation is in their second/third stages, staff are holding bi-weekly meetings and will report out on the process. They will also share their experience on how the CAS assessment process went with administration. At the end of the review, the CAS evaluators will present to this assessment committee for review and feedback. The CAS standards just came out last week. Kaye will send the advising standards to review what they are and the process of collecting evidence to demonstrate what is being done to prove what is being done.

Fall Planning Symposia: Kaye inquired what topics of discussion the committee would like to see presented. Deepak suggested Erin Shields (Academics) and Dr. Aaron Austin (Student Affairs) to serve as the facilitator. A few suggestions added were to discuss what assessment tools are, how those tools evaluate the data presented, how to align evaluation procedures to what is needed for HLC and to discuss a uniform assessment tool that could be used campus-wide. Contact faculty in CLES on ideas for Topics/Presentation

Final Note

There is an assessment institute conference, October 14-October 15, 2019, if that is something you would like to attend, please let Kaye know. She will send more information via email.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 22, 2019 to be held in Morrison Hall.