

University Assessment Committee

MINUTES

September 21, 2020

- Updates
 - COVID-19 Response Survey
 - The committee looked at the Hanover Climate Assessment Pulse Survey administered September 9, 2020. It is setup so that we can administer the survey every four weeks. A report with the graphics of responses was shared with how student felt WSU responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no qualitative data. The deans have access to the data.
 - There was discussion amongst the colleges about finding the appropriate balance between the legal restrictions that the university has with disclosing and what the expectation is with the transparency of who is testing regardless of where, who has been in contact and what the real-time positive results are. The feelings around transparency may result in negative responses.
 - Assessment Evaluation Workgroup
 - We had discussed having an evaluation workgroup that would meet monthly over a brown-bag lunch. Do we still want to do it? And how that might look? There was discussion that perhaps now is not the time to start something new. The committee agreed. However, the idea will be revisited if the committee feels that it is needed.
 - Review of the General Education Program
 - This committee is charged with annually reviewing the gen-ed committee report. A draft-copy of the gen-ed narrative report has been downloaded to the Teams folder for review that the gen-ed committee and Dr. Glenmaye have put together. There is also a copy of the annual *Student Learning Performance* report from David Wright. David reviewed the report with the group in the meeting, noting that this is outcome data that has been captured with Foresight 2020 with 2010 as the base year. Each year listed are those distinct year noted; the red dotted items identify the goal has not been met, the yellow indicates that the number is within five-percent of the goal and the green indicates the goal has been met and in some cases, exceeding.
 - A suggestion was made for those numbers that have stayed static that perhaps this group could come up with recommendations to help improve them and send the feedback to the gen-ed committee. It was noted that this report stemmed from a KBOR request, *Foresight 2020* to measure general education. However, *Foresight 2020* has ended with no indication that it will be extended. KBOR has uploaded its new strategic plan but it does not indicate in the plan how the goals will be measured. The university is currently updating its HLC assurance argument that will go to HLC in the summer 2021.
 - The draft-copy of the gen-ed report goes to the faculty senate academic affairs committee for review and acceptance of the report. The job of the assessment committee is to evaluate whether that system works. As the UAC reviews the report, please note that the Gen-Ed recommendations include work with the assessment



committee.

- There are representatives from the gen-ed committee, the faculty senate president and the assessment committee chair who are attending an, “Assessing General Education Online Series with the Higher Learning Commission.” This group along with Dr. Glenmayer will discuss in further detail what changes/details of assessment data of general education needs to be done in the future with the hope that the HLC training will bring forward some new methods of assessment.
- CAS Standard Review
 - Housing and Residence Life, Advising Centers, One-Stop and Disability Services have been working on their CAS (Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education) Review. This is the first university effort to begin this new process at WSU. It is a broad evaluation of student service units. The CAS documents that we have received are in the UAC Folder on Teams. This group will review those documents in a committee meeting to provide some feedback.
 - The advising centers review was shared with the college deans and they have reviewed the report. The other service units (Housing and Residence Life, One-Stop and Disability Services) do not have that level of report. The assessment committee will provide an overall examination, comment and backing of all the CAS reviews.
 - The next CAS Review group will begin in late October/early November. This process will run similarly to the academic program review process where there will be a CAS committee that oversees and reviews, provides feedback and scores. The CAS system is set-up that there are internal systems in place that the team documents their progress, gives feedback, and make their plans.
 - The assessment committee then provides the overall review and approval. A summary feedback form will be placed in the Teams folder.