



**WICHITA STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
AND RESEARCH**

*Office of the Provost
and Vice President*

University Assessment Committee
Minutes
March 9, 2011

Members Present: Elaine Bernstorf (Fine Arts), Jim Clark (Business), Nancy Deyoe (Library), Joseph Wei-Cheng Mau (Education), Rick Muma, (Academic Affairs), Eunice Myers (LAS), Steve Skinner (Engineering).

Member Absent: Betty Elder (Health Professions)

Graduate School Representative: Abu Masud

Others Present: Alicia Huckstadt (representing Health Professions)

1. Follow-up from last meeting

- UG Exit Survey: An updated version of the survey was distributed. Recommendations were made for the next revision. A suggestion was made to pilot the survey with a small group of undergraduate students prior to implementation. AAR has agreed to move this forward (in an online completion format). The plan is to convert the Graduate School survey to an online format at the same time. Rick Muma will work on the next version with a goal to have it available for student use by fall 2011. The Deans will be asked for input from Department Chairs prior to implementation. The committee will be kept apprised as this project moves forward.
- Voluntary System of Accountability (for College Portrait Web page):
<http://www.collegeportraits.org/KS/WSU>
Donna Hawley presented two items for discussion. The first was a VSA requirement to ask UGs, upon graduation, about their future plans. It was suggested that instead of IR requesting this information, it should be incorporated into the Exit Surveys when available. The second item related to a requirement to have a brief description of the overall WSU (student) experience available on the Web site (above). NSSE has a document for this purpose, which is customized based on WSU's latest NSSE data. At issue, should we use this document, or something else? The document was distributed and noted to be based on freshman data. The committee would like to see the senior data, as this might be a better reflection of student engagement. Donna will bring the senior data to the next meeting for a comparison. At the next meeting, a recommendation will be made (in regard to the NSSE document or something else) to the Provost for a final decision.
- HLC: A timeline was distributed for the planning of WSU's next accreditation reaffirmation (during the AY 2016-2017). More information will be forthcoming from the President and Provost.
- NSSE/FSSE Administration: NSSE is currently being administered to WSU students. To date, ~1,200 have responded (which corresponds to a 26% response rate). Students will

have until March 29, 2011 to respond. FSSE will be sent to faculty via email (with link) starting on March 29, 2011 and they will have until the middle of April to respond.

2. Foresight 2020: The Foresight 2020 priority matrix was circulated for input. This document was developed in AAR to assess WSU's current initiatives addressing each goal/objective, identify areas where initiatives should be developed, and basically identify priorities. Members were encouraged to circulate in their units for feedback.
3. Performance Agreements: A dashboard was distributed for informational purposes, which illustrates WSU's 2010 performance. Members were encouraged to circulate in their units, especially in those units who have performance agreement responsibilities, to discuss the 2010 results and plans to improve results as appropriate (for 2011).
4. Upcoming Assessment Activities: Refer to agenda items above and the February 9, 2011 minutes for information on the following.
 - NSSE/FSSE
 - CLA 2011-2012 AY
 - Undergraduate exit survey
 - Assessment symposia
 - Assessment factoids
5. Next Meeting: April 27, 2011, 10:30 am (room TBD)