



**WICHITA STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
AND RESEARCH**

*Office of the Provost
and Vice President*

University Assessment Committee
Minutes
April 27, 2011
Morrison Hall Board Room

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

Graduate School Representative: Abu Masud

1. Follow-up from last meeting

- VSA: Donna Hawley presented a document developed for College Portrait (a link located on WSU's home page) that summarized the undergraduate student academic experience (using NSSE data). After Faculty Senate input, it was decided to pull out the most relevant items as reported by NSSE and compare student experiences as perceived by freshman and seniors. Donna would be interested in feedback on the document, including any links to WSU Websites that may help to further describe the WSU undergraduate experience.
- HLC: Rick Muma presented updated information on HLC's new accreditation pathway; WSU will transition into beginning in the 2012/2013 academic year. He circulated an updated timeline developed by HLC. Discussion also centered on the establishment of an HLC Work Group to be in place by early fall 2011. A group of approximately 10 individuals (from various University constituencies) will be appointed with the task of working on the necessary materials needed for WSU's next accreditation reaffirmation visit (2016/2017).
- Foresight 2020: Rick Muma circulated a document that was prepared for the Kansas Board of Regents which maps out WSU's current plans for assessing student learning (as related to Foresight 2020). This document, and the WSU Foresight 2020 Priority Matrix, will be used as overall assessment plans. Both documents will be populated with existing data and converted into a dashboard that will represent baseline activity and progress toward established goals. In the future, this committee (along with other appropriate groups) will evaluate these data and make recommendations for improvement.

2. Upcoming assessment activities

- NSSE/FSSE: The 2011 NSSE/FSSE data collection is winding down and should be complete by the end of April. So far there's a 33% response rate for students (the raw numbers reflect a 40% increase over the last administration) and a 40% response rate for faculty. Data will be available August 2011.

- CLA: A University-wide administration will be conducted during the 2011/2012 academic year and be coordinated out of Academic Affairs. More information to follow at a later date.
 - Undergraduate and graduate exit surveys: Plans are underway to conduct both surveys online beginning fall 2011. More information to follow at a later date.
 - Assessment symposia: These symposia will resume in fall 2011 and focus on best practices in assessment. A schedule will be developed at the next meeting.
3. Future meeting: August 19, 2011, room TBA.