

OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes: Friday, 11 April 2008, 3:00 pm, Teaching Learning Center

Members Present: Julie Lammel, Cori Myers (chair), Jim Meek, Kurt Rublein, Eduardo Valerio, John H. Wilson, Josh Drouin, Elsa Winch, Thomas Wynn, Jonathan Lindzey, Rob Franz, James Bean, Bob Sandow, Rick Van Dyke, Dan Shaw, Brian Cygan, Ray Hefner, Judith Yoho

I) Approval of the Minutes

J. Lindzey made a motion, seconded by J. Bean, to approve the minutes of 28 March 2008. The motion passed.

II) Committee Reports

A) Reminder on Year-end reports, due April 28th (C. Myers)

B) Committee Updates

- i) Writing Emphasis: J. Bean reported that some faculty are using Waypoint for assessment, but that we need to continue with Waypoint after 1 July 2008, when the grant expires.
- ii) Critical Thinking: J. Bean reported that faculty are needed for a CT team next year. A summer seminar on integrating argumentation into courses is planned. The CT rubric will be incorporated into Philosophy courses next year.

III) Old Business

A) Debrief Spring Assessment Workshops

C. Myers distributed Assessment Suggestions for LHU by Elizabeth Jones and reported that 40 faculty attended the program workshop, with 17 at the General Education workshop. D. Shaw suggested that the workshops provided great general strategy but lacked specifics. J. Bean added that they provided an early view of LHU's coming review by Middle States. The workshops are available on the media site. Discussion followed. J. Meek reported that OAC's budget is not the whole of assessment—a lot more is being spent. J. Meek estimated that only 20% of program reports make any connection between goals, outcomes, and budget requests. J. Meek has a formative rubric for rating reports, but the Provost resisted rating departments. J. Meek will review ratings in May 2008 and consider dissemination.

B) General Education Learning Outcomes

E. Winch reported to the UCC regarding the accomplishments of the OAC Gen Ed Assessment Task Force. E. Winch noted that every department needs to report Gen Ed data, if they have any. Discussion followed concerning assessment of every student as opposed to sampling.

IV) New Business

A) Voluntary System of Accountability

J. Lindzey expressed concerns about the VSA's impact on recruiting and enrollment, and about how to motivate students who have no interest in the results. J. Meek noted that LHU will have to report results within three years of the starting point. If there is any opportunity for faculty to give input into VSA, J. Meek is to notify the OAC.

B) Annual Reports and Fall Workshop

J. Meek proposed that annual reports be split between outcomes assessment in the fall and planning in the spring. J. Meek also proposed beginning to plan a fall workshop. Discussion

followed concerning timing: during the summer or University Days. C. Myers and J. Meek will discuss this issue and report.

C) Next Meeting

There are too many conflicts to have another meeting, so OAC will discuss the timing of the next workshop via e-mail.

D) New Chair

C. Myers is stepping down. Nominations and voting for a new chair will take place via e-mail. C. Myers noted that 2007-2008 has been the best year for participation on OAC. The OAC applauded C. Myers for her efforts.

V) Adjournment

J. Lindzey made a motion, seconded by R. van Dyke, to adjourn. The motion passed at 3:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Wilson