Minutes of the Assessment Committee Meeting, 10/19/16

Members Present: Jerry Wilcox, Karen Koza, Walt Cramer, Josie Hamer, Lisa Peck, Tom Schmiedel, Stuart Dalton

Guests Present: Dan Barrett, Bianca Paolello

Meeting began at 1.40 PM

OLD BUSINESS

• Discussion of student concerns that emerged in surveys (managing time, finances, students spend less than 10 hours studying outside of class, etc)

• How to get students to take surveys like NSSE? Other ways to incentivize student participation in these surveys? Prizes?

• Randomly pick classes for NSSE surveys? – Jerry believes this would violate IRB restriction of 5 contacts

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gen Ed Assessment

• Provost will sponsor retreat in January to discuss how to assess competencies, each dept. will share their rubrics for how to assess gen ed competencies

• resolution from gen ed committee: The General Education Committee strongly recommends each academic department develop assessments for General Education competencies taught within those departments; Further, the Committee recommends open fora to promote ongoing dialogue about the competency assessment process; Further, the Committee recommends the University Senate Assessment Committee host these fora, and develop a repository for these assessments.

• Discussion:

  • is this CELT’s domain? Should CELT collect rubrics for each dept. so that dept’s don’t have to start from nothing—they can borrow/build on what other dept’s have done already?

  • Should this by done by an office instead of a committee—e.g. the Provost’s office, which could enforce compliance, get dept’s to submit rubrics, since a committee would just be ignored

  • Motion to set up open fora to discuss gen ed competencies (Koza/Hamer). This motion was discussed and then tabled until the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30
Minutes submitted by Stuart Dalton