

University Assessment Committee
May 2, 2014
9:00 am -10:30 am
Raynor Library Conference Room A

ATTENDANCE

Present: Sharron Ronco (Chair), Rebecca Bardwell, Jodi Blahnik, Patricia Bradford, Marilyn Bratt, Mark Federle, Kim Halula, Tom Kaczmarek, Noreen Lephardt, Laura MacBride, Michelle Nemer, John Su, Fred Sutkiewicz, Christine Taylor, Joyce Wolburg

Guest: Karen Evans (New UAC member representing the College of Education.)

I. Reflection/Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Sharron Ronco. The Reflection was offered by Kim Halula.

II. Approval of the April 4, 2014 Minutes

The 4/4/2014 minutes were reviewed and with the addition of the recommendation noted below related to additional resources were approved by a motion from Noreen Lephardt, second by Kim Halula. Motion passed.

(By an email vote which took place between the April and May meetings, there was a vote of 10 ‘yes votes’ and 4 ‘no responses’, to the following recommendation being added to the Annual Report of the University Assessment Committee that Dr. Ronco submitted to the University Academic Senate on behalf of the UAC:

The UAC continues to advocate for increased personnel resources to support assessment. In addition to its importance for regional and discipline accreditation, assessment is a fundamental condition for a culture in which learning is a priority. We believe that rigorous, ongoing and pervasive assessment is critical to advancing the University’s Strategic Plan goals for academic excellence and the continuous improvement of organizational effectiveness. The addition of either a full-time graduate assistant or a permanent staff position would provide necessary and consistent support for Marquette’s maturing assessment system.)

III. New Business

A. Review of draft tables for Institutional Assessment Report

After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that the draft tables were not complete and needed additional narrative to interpret the data. Some members expressed the concern

that the summary currently diminishes what is currently being done on campus and does not adequately reflect the amount of time and effort spent on assessment. There was also some concern expressed about publishing pass rates by certain accredited programs on the general University assessment website. Overall, it was determined that since this report will in all probability become a public document, there needs to be some means established whereby all programs can verify that the reported information is accurate. The Institutional Assessment Report will be reevaluated and reassessed at a future meeting.

IV. Continuing Business

A. Increasing participation on assessment committee(s) of programs without external accreditation

At the April 4 UAS meeting, it was determined that the majority of sitting UAC members have an accreditation requirement. A discussion of the perceived need and how to expand the representation for programs without accreditation on the UAC was initiated. Due to time restrictions at the April 4 meeting, the issue was tabled and further discussed at this meeting. After further discussion, it was recommended that Sharron should consult with Dr. Gary Meyer to see if there was even the possibility of increasing the University Assessment Committee's membership. Once this has been determined, then the UAS will revisit this issue with the possibility of a recommendation to expand membership from the College of Arts and Sciences.

B. Maturity Model: additions/deletions/changes and next steps

Sharron requested assistance from Tom Kaczmarek in clarifying various aspects of the Maturity Model. The goal will be to identify the next steps that will be useful for the upcoming Fall Peer Review session.

C. UAC membership for 2014-2015

Sharron thanked those current UAC members who would not be returning for the 2014-15 academic year:

Dr. Rebecca Bardwell

Dr. Kim Halula

Ms. Natasha Hansen

Dr. Tom Kaczmarek

Ms. Michelle Nemer (A special thank you was given to Michelle for all her hard work and invaluable assistance to the UAC and Dr. Ronco over the past few years.)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Halula