

University Assessment Committee
February 10, 2017, 9:00-10:30
Raynor Library Raynor Study Room D

Present: Sharron Ronco (Chair), Karen Evans, Stephen Guastello, Karen Slatney, Pol Vandeveldel, Margaret Sebern, Baolin Wan, Brittney Wyatt, Laura MacBride, Stephen Guastello, Marta Magiera, Susan Bay, Guy Simoneau, Jodi Blahnik

I. Call to Order/Reflection

The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Sharron Ronco.
Sharron Ronco offered the reflection from Karen Slattery who could not be present.

II. Approval of the minutes from the January 20, 2017 meeting

Committee reviewed the minutes from January 20th and the year was changed from 2016 to 2017.

Motion to approve as recorded: Pol Vandeveldel

Second: Karen Evans

Motion passed unanimously.

III. Updates from the Chair

- **Curriculum mapping**
 - Sharron contacted PALS for departments that have not submitted curriculum maps to explain their benefit and need and identify resources.
 - Some programs responded back that they already had curriculum maps while others were directed towards online resources on selected good practices with developing curriculum maps posted in ARMS.
 - Sharron will continue to follow up with these programs.
- **Assessment plan for GSSP (Gender and Sexualities Studies Program)**
 - Sharron had a meeting with GSSP and followed up with the program on the committee's recommendations for improvement.
 - GSSP will focus on making the assessment plan more specific, measurable, and will describe what they plan on assessing this year.
 - Assessment will focus on students' reflection.
- **Meeting with Philosophy and Theology PALS**
 - Sharron and Pol had a productive meeting with the philosophy and theology PALS.
 - Discussion focused on the difficulty of assessment plans because of the uncertainty of the curriculum, but there were positive conversations on assessing students by reflection papers and student self-assessment throughout the majors.
- **Graduate Student Assistant**
 - Assessment has been approved for an incoming graduate student assistant and will be sponsored by student affairs graduate program.
- **Request from Math Department for Hiatus**
 - Math has requested a hiatus as the current assessment plan needs to be revisited to be more effective.

- The plan moving forward will be to develop a new assessment plan by the end of the semester and to submit it by May 31st.

Motion to approve as recorded: Stephen Guastello

Second: Jodi Blahnik

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Progress on co-curricular assessment from Jody Blahnik

- Co-curricular assessment has moved to coding services as common themes. The information will be sent back to individual departments to make sure they were coded properly and to receive feedback.
- Some programs will be identified for assessment and discussion will take place on how to best assess the co-curriculars.

V. Results of First Year Student Survey from Laura MacBride

- 97% of students filled out the first year student survey during orientation and results have been summarized in an interactive data visualization.
- Some trends were pointed out (such as students are less likely to go to their first choice and that students are concerned about costs and homesickness) and the data can be useful for programs to see incoming student expectations.
- Some discussion was brought up about graduate student surveys and if any useful information could be obtained from them.

VI. Review roles of PALs

- The committee reviewed the roles of the PALs (<http://www.marquette.edu/assessment/new-pals.shtml>)
- Roles and deadlines will remain the same except for attending a minimum of one professional development workshop.
- It was recommended that in January/February an email would be sent out asking for any recommendation on workshops or resources that PALs would like to have and sometime in April a reminder would be sent out that the assessment process should be beginning.

VII. Meeting Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Jody Blahnik

Second: Stephen Guastello

Motioned passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Britt Wyatt