Category II Process Draft Proposal/Learning Outcomes

From: Ramaswamy, Gita
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 3:26 PM
To: Williams, Sarah; Brown, Carol - COB
Subject: RE: Need information on what is being done to assure learning outcomes

Thanks for the clarification Sarah
Gita

From: Williams, Sarah
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 3:23 PM
To: Ramaswamy, Gita; Brown, Carol - COB
Subject: RE: Need information on what is being done to assure learning outcomes

Hello, Gita and Carol,

I just narrowed down the comparison to a specific time frame: September 2011 to March 19, 2012. During that time, we have had 135 Change Course proposals approved vs. 80 New Course proposals approved. We had 177 Change Courses Submitted vs 98 New Courses Submitted.

The figure Gita is citing is a comparison of ALL Change course proposals in the CPS vs ALL New Course proposals, since the beginning of the CPS, with no distinction in approved vs submitted.

Thanks,
Sarah

From: Ramaswamy, Gita
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 3:21 PM
To: Brown, Carol - COB
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Yes, the Colleges must certainly monitor this. No this data was not collected. We should have this.
Gita

From: Brown, Carol - COB
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 3:18 PM
To: Ramaswamy, Gita
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So you are telling me the colleges are expected to do NOTHING to assure compliance? I thought it was the responsibility of the colleges to assure that their faculty were doing the learning outcomes as they were supposed to.

Did the colleges not report this data for accreditation?
Carol

From: Ramaswamy, Gita
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 3:15 PM
To: Williams, Sarah
CC: Brown, Carol - COB
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Thank you for the clarification Sarah. Yes, the Colleges must certainly monitor this. No this data was not collected. We should have this.
Gita
Carol, I have had time to check on a few things with Sarah Williams.

According to her we have 1000's more CAT II coming in for 'changes' than for 'new courses'. And every time this comes in Sarah makes sure that the syllabus has the Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) on it. This is one 'control' in place to assure compliance.

We have not checked all course syllabi for SLO. I will check with Larry Bulling on that and keep you posted. I am told that Larry Bulling might have most if not all course syllabi in one place. So, I cannot give you an exact Rate of Compliance by Colleges for learning outcomes on syllabi.

However, it is imperative that we make sure the SLO are stated clearly on the course syllabi to make sure our students are provided that information and we assess how are students are achieving those outcomes.

Now that you bring this up, I will talk to Larry Bulling and see if we could calculate this data for us.

Thanks
Gita

From: Brown, Carol - COB
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 2:28 PM
To: Ramaswamy, Gita
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The Curriculum Council is considering revising our policy that a syllabus be required for every CAT II proposal. We are considering only requiring a syllabus for new courses. We have a situation now where some of those who have to prepare the CAT II proposals consider the process so burdensome that they simply make changes to their classes without updating the catalog for the things that they can. For example:

- updates to course descriptions are not always made when appropriate
- dropping a prerequisite is done by giving the students overrides or using unenforced prerequisites rather than doing the appropriate change in the system

Requiring a syllabus with learning outcomes was used as a way to force faculty to actually do learning outcomes. At this point I believe that our rate of compliance is high enough that we do not need to continue with this practice. In addition, I believe your office has other controls in place to assure compliance.

My questions to you are:
What was the rate of compliance by College for learning outcomes on syllabi for our most recently reported data?
What are the controls that are now in place to assure compliance?

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