

Student Affairs Assessment Council

Minutes

February 22, 2012

Attendance: Rebecca Sanderson, Maureen Cochran, Kami Hammerschmith, Doug Severs, Jo Alexander, Tom Watts, Michele Ribeiro, Ruth Sterner, Marcey Bamba, Pat Ketcham, Kent Sumner, Melissa Yamamoto, Eric Hansen, Ben Wessel, Jennifer Vina, Teresita Alvarez, Tina Clawson, Ruth Sterner & Tom Watts.

Electronic surveys

Rebecca asked the Assessment Council if they knew of any surveys going out electronically this spring or fall which would include a sample of all students. Gita Ramaswamy & Stefani Dawn are working with student assessments of professors and are interested in exploring how much students know about the Baccalaureate Core and Learning Goals for Graduates. CAPS will be surveying 600 students who had 1-time appointments. SHS will be deploying an electronic survey to 5,000 students about the use of services at the end of May. Residence Life will be doing a survey of mostly first year students living in residence. None of these surveys seemed to be appropriate for tagging on extra questions.

New assessment personnel

There are two new employees on campus; Stefani Dawn is working in Academic Assessment and Rick Stoddart will be the new Assessment Librarian at the end of February. Rebecca asked if the Assessment Council members would be interested in inviting Stefani and Rick to an Assessment Council meeting. Assessment council members thought this would be a good idea. Rebecca will make those invitations for early spring term.

News from last SALT meeting

At the last SALT meeting, Larry Roper announced that no new funding will be granted for programs which do not utilize assessment to show that they have an impact. Assessment will also be addressed in Department Head performance reviews. As a result, it's likely that there will be more energy around assessment.

Departmental highlights metrics discussion, continued

Rebecca has been asked to meet with Susie Brubaker-Cole and Becky Warner so discuss the metrics grid for the Departmental Highlights in an effort to potentially use that template for academic affairs support units. Rebecca will let you know what occurs as a result.

Summer retreat

The council was asked to think about additional ideas for what we wanted to accomplish for our retreat in June and how would we like to have Marilee work with us?

- What does the future look like for us?
- What do decision makers care about? Other levels of the organization?
- What is working? Not working?
- Who is doing well? How do they know?
- How can we package our learning outcome data into a bigger statement that is more meaningful to a wider audience?
- Michele suggested a Student Affairs "Impact." This is where Rebecca would like to see the division go with the new departmental highlights metrics.

- Meet with Initiative 6 and ask for her thoughts
- We're all doing assessment but in different ways. How can we package it/tie it all together, telling our story as a division?
- How to talk about your data; the results section of the assessment report. How to make meaning of the data with confidence.

The Assessment Council members agreed to allow Rebecca to give Marilee access to the assessment plans and reports in Compliance Assist!

NASPA Assessment & Persistence Conference

For anyone who is interested in presenting at the 2012 NASPA Assessment & Persistence conference; there will be a meeting on Friday, 2/24 in the DAS Conference room to discuss presentation ideas.

Assessment plan & report reviews

Per request, Maureen will send reminders to those who are responsible for reviewing assessment plans and reports but who have not completed those reviews.

Next Meetings:

March 21
9-10:30am
MU Council Rm

April 4
9-10:30am
MU Council Rm