

Minutes of the Assessment Committee Meeting, 11/16/2016

Members present: J. Wilcox, T Schmiedel, P. Ivry, J. Moore, L. Larson, L. Dalessio

Guests: M. Alexander, J. Hamer

Minutes: L. Dalessio

Meeting began 1:35p

Meeting began with welcome to the Provost and an open discussion of the need to start a process of assessment of the new 10 general education competencies.

- Need to assess the new General Education competencies for improvement and NEASC reaccreditation
- We should have an open discussion of how faculty assess the competencies across the general education disciplines
- Envision a partnership between General Education and Assessment committees
- Need to plan the future of cataloging the assessments of these competencies that would be needed for NEASC reports and self-study (repository)
- Best practices for organizing the process and discussion of assessment
- Need to address and respect (1) academic freedom of faculty and (2) diversity within student population when assessing competencies
- Should a rubric be developed for each competency to measure student achievements ranging from benchmark to milestone(s) to capstone?
- Provost will host a retreat on **January 13** that will include an open forum to discuss how to assess the competencies in which faculty from several departments will share their ideas and innovations in the General Education competency assessment
- The provost discussed having members of the assessment committee attend -- and assist with facilitation if needed -- in assessment discussions related to the 10 competencies
- The 5th year report for assessments will be due in 2018
- Discussed need for a central university wide repository to place assessment data
- Discussed mapping of competencies with assessments
- Discussed the impact of internships (within gen ed) that may affect other schools that have professional hour competencies that are required by accrediting bodies for degree
- **No meeting scheduled for December;** further scheduling for retreat will happen through email
- This is a large undertaking that may be best served with other partnerships and committees

Meeting ended 2:55p

Respectfully submitted

L Dalessio