

Minutes of the Assessment Committee Meeting, 10/19/16

Members Present: Jerry Wilcox, Karen Koza, Walt Cramer, Josie Hamer, Lisa Peck, Tom Schmiedel, Stuart Dalton

Guests Present: Dan Barrett, Bianca Paoello

Meeting began at 1.40 PM

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion of student concerns that emerged in surveys (managing time, finances, students spend less than 10 hours studying outside of class, etc)
- How to get students to take surveys like NSSE? Other ways to incentivize student participation in these surveys? Prizes?
- Randomly pick classes for NSSE surveys? – Jerry believes this would violate IRB restriction of 5 contacts

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gen Ed Assessment

- Provost will sponsor retreat in January to discuss how to assess competencies, each dept. will share their rubrics for how to assess gen ed competencies
- resolution from gen ed committee: *The General Education Committee strongly recommends each academic department develop assessments for General Education competencies taught within those departments; Further, the Committee recommends open fora to promote ongoing dialogue about the competency assessment process; Further, the Committee recommends the University Senate Assessment Committee host these fora, and develop a repository for these assessments.*
- Discussion:
 - is this CELT's domain? Should CELT collect rubrics for each dept. so that dept's don't have to start from nothing—they can borrow/build on what other dept's have done already?
 - Should this be done by an office instead of a committee—e.g. the Provost's office, which could enforce compliance, get dept's to submit rubrics, since a committee would just be ignored
- Motion to set up open fora to discuss gen ed competencies (Koza/Hamer). This motion was discussed and then tabled until the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

Minutes submitted by Stuart Dalton