

University Outcomes Assessment Council

RECORD OF MEETING

December 3, 2013

Corbett Center Curry Room

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Members present: Judy Bosland, Teresa Burgin, Greg Fant, Julie Fitzsimmons, Norice Lee, Mardi Mahaffey, Gary Rayson, Shelly Stovall and Susan Wood

Staff present: Valerie Stuart

1. Greetings.

2. Approval of Record of Minutes – October 1, 2013:

- Approved.

3. Introductions:

- Introductions were made around the table.

4. UOAC Chair

- Sharon Lalla was unanimously nominated to serve as UOAC's chair.

5. Renaming Baccalaureate Experience:

- It was decided that the term "baccalaureate" will not be changed. Using the BE rubric as a template, the community colleges will be invited to create a cross-walk between an associate experience and a baccalaureate experience. Greg will add this agenda item for the Community Colleges Associate Vice President's next meeting. Susan will also email the community college's assessment of student learning representatives as a heads up.

6. NMSU's Quality Initiative:

- Shelly announced the proposal to HLC is in the final stages. Final report detailing four year plan will be sent to members. Committees are developing instruments to incorporate writing within disciplines and trainings will be conducted through the Teaching Academy. A "President Academic Club" will be established and faculty will be able to apply for mini-grants that incorporate writing based on research projects. Specifics have not yet been detailed.

7. Ideas from IU-PUI Assessment Institute:

- Shelly attended an assessment conference in October at the IU-PUI Assessment Institute and shared her findings with the Council. Handouts of UOAC's Mission/Goals/Objectives and the "Information Flow of Assessment Data at NMSU-Las Cruces" flow chart were distributed. Shelly asked members to think about ideas of what the function of UOAC should be. Main concerns to consider: a) making sure processes of closing the loop are taking place, b) information/results are being communicated institution-wide, and c) using new words/terms to distinguish buy-in from faculty. Discussion of this topic will continue at a later date.

8. Council Representation:

- Shelly will begin seeking membership representatives from the following areas: Student Affairs, Faculty Senate and ASNMSU. It was suggested to create an assessment inventory to help determine if other representation is needed.

9. Reports/Updates:

- **CASL-GE** – Julie reported CASL-GE has submitted their proposal to present at NMHEAR. Members will report on the pilot STEM project conducted in the Spring 2013 and introducing the writing instrument pilot for Spring 2014.

- **Graduate Council** – Gary reported the Graduate Council is looking at the following areas: a) how the Graduate School is currently existing and where it needs to be to be effective, b) how online education applies to graduate programs, c) how to be more competitive (higher quality students, admission fees, etc., and d) international border programs.
- **Teaching Academy** – No report.
- **OAC-CAO** – Teresa announced the funding for WEAVE software has been approved. She will investigate to see if WEAVE can be integrated with Canvas/Cognos.
- **DACC** – Susan informed Council that a draft of DACC’s self-study report is complete and Dr. Roberta Derlin is now reviewing it. The report will be submitted in February.
- **IA** – Judy announced NMSU will participate in the Spring 2014 NSSE implementation. Modules added to the survey are “Development of Transferable Skills” and “Experiences with Writing.”
- **CASL-BE** – Mardi explained CASL-BE is re-evaluating the committee’s purpose. They are now shifting their focus to creating videos and working with ENGL111 during Spring 2014 and developing a survey tool geared towards seniors to gather information regarding their BE experience.
- **ADAC** – Norice reported that ADAC has been discussing the same issues as UOAC.
- **AST** – No report.