University Outcomes Assessment Council (UOAC)

Tuesday, October 11, 1:30 pm.

Zuhl Library conference room (#225)

Record of meeting

(approved 11.1.16)


1. Selection of new UOAC Chair
   a. S. Rich and M. Gavin approved as co-chairs of UOAC

2. NSSE Survey (Judy) - Handouts distributed
   a. Survey administered since 2001, time has come to re-administer (Spring 2017) All seniors and all freshman receive the NSSE.
   b. Purpose of the NSSE is to measure how engaged students are.
   c. $8000 to administer the survey
   d. Reviewed website on oia.nmsu.edu - Analysis of 2000 and 2004 link
   e. Will need to select which modules to be administered – Academic Advising module may be relevant for retention purposes –
      i. Committee decision to focus on First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions and Academic Advising – NSSE Topical Modules
      ii. Decision to personalize for additional cost
      iii. Decision to re-word the one open ended question in the survey – to specify NMSU
   f. Suggestions needed for peer group to include in comparison
i. Possibly land-grant institutions or western land-grant institutions
ii. Possibly institutions with similar admissions requirements
iii. Possibly minority-serving institutions
iv. IPEDS may be a good source for finding peers
v. Need incentives for participants (will advertise in Student Hotline, Twitter, Facebook, The Round Up)

3. Ruidoso retreat report (David, Ryan, Gabrielle)
   a. Reviewed action plan – based on growth mindset
      i. Number one priority – Transparency, better communication, when we're doing it, why we're doing it
      ii. Incorporating learning outcomes with courses online
      iii. G. Martinez to share framework and action plan with committee
      iv. Send names of committee members to D. Smith within a week. D. Smith to committee chairs and to all on UOAC members requesting volunteers for Excellence in Assessment Designation Application writing-team. UOAC Co-chairs to send out email about interest of UOAC committee members to participate in a group that will be formed for writing of the application. Possibly have someone take on each rubric category.

4. Newsletter - forces the process of summarizing what the committees
   a. Request that Provost devote Provost Corner to assessment

5. Assessment webpage
   i. D. Smith will send link to revamped webpages to committee members

6. Excellence in Assessment Designation Application
   a. NILOA driven and lasts 5 years – Transparency Framework
Upcoming meetings
October 11
November 1
December 6
January 3
February 7
March 7
April 4
May 2