



University Assessment Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

11:00-12:00

West Hall 1004

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Mission Statement

To foster an environment of continuous improvement in student learning and provision of services to the VSU community through the use of active, ongoing, and constructive assessments.

Members Present: Michael Black, Terence Sullivan, Deborah Robson, Aubrey Fowler, Natalie Kuhlmann, Fanhoe Nie, Jane Kinney, Michele Blankenship

Members Absent: Pepper Croft, Yvonne Landers, Hanae Kanno, Sudip Chakraborty, Michael Holt, Niki Turley, Peggy Moch

Michael Black called the meeting to order at 11:03am in West Hall 1004.

I. Minutes.

November 11, 2019 minutes were approved and will be posted on the UAC website.

II. Continuing Business

- Review of IERs and IEPs
 - Access reports and plans through the V:\ drive shared folder
 - UAC reviews are due by December 15, 2019
 - 75 have been done
- Missing IERs and IEPs (as of 01/28/2020):
 - MBA, Healthcare Administration, Management, Dean's Office College of the Arts, Social Equity
- SACSCOC Self-Study status report
 - Committee is working on the narratives and collecting evidence. We have 431 pages of written narrative which links to 1300+ files of evidence. We are adhering to our schedule to have the self-study written by the end of the term.
 - Timeline posted at <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/sacs/reaffirmation-of-accreditation-timeline.php>
- QEP Development Committee status report
 - Committee has met numerous times and is developing a guiding document to help us design our next QEP. On schedule to have a QEP drafted by the end of the term.
 - Information will be posted at <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/sacs/qep/>
- APL nextED status report
 - M. Black conducted over 16 training sessions for faculty and departments on using APL and prepared 17 handouts and guides for faculty which recommend how best to complete certain fields in APL nextED. Handouts and training schedule are posted at <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/sacs/faculty-credentials.php> and have also been delivered by email to faculty listserv several times.



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- Working to address several other issues and recommending enhancements to improve the user experience.
- SmartEvals/SOI status report
 - Overall response rate for Fall 2019 was 50%.
 - Faculty Senate approved new questions for the SOI instrument on 01/23/2020 which will be effective for Spring 2020.
 - New questions are posted at <https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/documents/soi2.pdf>
- “Suggestions for Sharing Assessment and Program Outcomes Online” handout posted at <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/university-assessment-committee/documents/suggestions-for-sharing-outcomes.pdf> The document was shared in person with deans and department heads and also by email on 11/19/2019 and 11/26/2019 respectively. Some departments have done a very nice job presenting assessment data on their websites (identified in the handout); however, other departments have not yet moved forward with this initiative.
- M. Black, S. Wilfred, and T. Grove will attend AAC&U 2020 conference on General Education, Pedagogy, and Assessment Feb. 20-22. (<https://www.aacu.org/conferences/gened/2020>)
- Department name changes:
 - Psychological Science
 - Physics, Astronomy, Geosciences, and Engineering Technology
- The Board of Regents approved the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree at their meeting on January 8, 2020. Institutional Effectiveness will work on a prospectus to send to SACSCOC for this new degree.
- This spring, Academic Affairs will internally advertise a faculty appointment for a Coordinator of General Education. This individual will take a more active role in general education assessment.
- Committee asked questions about recent articles in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* which imply that assessment does not work. Shared how to speak about the value of assessment to faculty. M. Black will distribute some handouts on assessment talking-points to UAC members after the meeting.

III. Announcements/Workshops

APL nextED

- February 10, 2020 4:00-5:00pm, Odum Library New Media Center 1370
- March 10, 2020 4:00-5:00pm, Odum Library New Media Center 1370
- April 15, 2020 4:00-5:00pm, Odum Library New Media Center 1370
- May 11, 2020 4:00-5:00pm, Odum Library New Media Center 1370
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- July 7, 2020 4:00-5:00pm, Odum Library New Media Center 1370



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Spring USG RACEA Meeting April 30-May 1, 2020, Cordele, GA

Assessment Institute October 25-27, 2020, Indianapolis

IV. UAC Meeting Schedule for Spring 2020:

- February 24, 2020, 2:00-3:00, West Hall 1002
- March 27, 2020, 1:00-2:00, West Hall 1002
- April 22, 2020, 12:00-1:00, West Hall 1002

V. The meeting adjourned at 11:40am.