

Campus Academic Assessment Committee

May 05, 2010 3:00 – 4:15

Raymond Hall 8th Floor Lounge

Members Present: Bruce Brydges (Chair), Alan Hersker, Donna Mosier, Robert Badger, ,Jim German, Joel Foisy, Robyn Hosley, Rebecca Gerber , Lawrence Brehm, Phil Neisser, Peter Brouwer , Michael Sitton, Galen Pletcher, Rick Miller, Sissy Brown , Maureen McCarthy, Debbie Anderson, Anthony Betrus,Vicki Levitt, Michael Sitton

Regrets: Lisa Wilson-(Vicki Levitt representing department)

WELCOME: Bruce Brydges – Happy Cinco de Mayo!

BUSINESS:

- Chair informed committee that minutes of December meeting are available at:
<http://www.potsdam.edu/offices/ie/assessment/upload/12-16-09-Academic-Assessment-Minutes.pdf>
- **Update on visit of MSCHE Vice President Ellie Fogarty – April 23rd – Jim German**
- Faculty were given a handout by Jim German. Self Study Design available on-line at
<http://www.potsdam.edu/offices/ie/upload/MSCHE-Self-study-Design-Document-FINAL-3.pdf>
- The expectation of the Middle States process is that the Institution is the key audience of the Self Study Report. Assessment is the central focus so members of the Campus Academic Assessment Committee can expect to be called on to support the development of these documents.
- **Planning and Reporting Cycle and Strategies for Assessment Data Analysis – Brydges**
 - a. Review of the *Suggested Department/Program Assessment Planning and Reporting Cycle* and
 - b. Strategies for Collecting and Interpreting your Department's Assessment Data
<http://www.potsdam.edu/offices/ie/assessment/upload/Strategies-for-Collecting-and-Interpreting-your-data-2.pdf>

- Update on SLO website
 - Note addition of “The Potsdam Graduate” in outcomes language
<http://www.potsdam.edu/offices/ie/assessment/upload/The-Potsdam-Graduate.pdf>
 - Bloom’s revised taxonomy for developing student learning outcomes:
<http://www.potsdam.edu/offices/ie/assessment/upload/Bloom-s-Revised-Taxonomy-1.pdf>
 - Request to review and update Department assessment plans as part of the Summer 2010 “closing-the-loop” exercise .
<http://www.potsdam.edu/offices/ie/assessment/deptoutcomes.cfm>

- NSSE as an Indirect Assessment Measure – Rick Miller
 - Rick stressed the importance of the NSSE 2010 online survey responses for First Year and Seniors which will close closes June 1st.
 - Lawrence Brehm asked that the link be sent to him as he was not aware that it survey was taking place. He also said that the students should be rewarded with a 6 pack of coke.

- Assessment of SUNY Potsdam’s Gen. Ed. Student Learning Outcomes Designators – by target date of Fri. May 21st however assessment site will remain open until mid-June for the reporting of student learning assessment data. Designators being assessed this Spring 2010 are:
 - a. Mathematics (FM)
 - b. Physical Education Health Experience (PE)
 - c. Western Civilization (WC)
 - d. Scientific Inquiry – Biological Sciences (SB)
 - e. Scientific Inquiry – Physical Sciences (SP)
 - f. Scientific Inquiry – Laboratory (LB)
 - g. Philosophical Inquiry (PI)
 - h. Modern Languages (ML)

- Institutional Assessment including Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes **“A Five Year Plan”** proposal by the Chair. Hopefully a draught for presentation at the September meeting of CAAC.

- Other Business
 - a. Tony Betrus raised question as to impressions regarding SUNY Potsdam’s progress towards compliance with MSCHE standard 14.