

Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2022

Present: Beth O'Neill (Chair), Jennifer Ball, Bassima Schbley, Chris Jones, Gloria Dye, Debbie Isaacson, Steve Hageman, Tom Hickman, Bobby Tso, Kara Kendall-Morwick, Rhonda Boeckman, Christa Smith, Tara Lindahl, Benjamin Reed

- I. O'Neill welcomed the committee to a new committee year and members in attendance provided a brief introduction.
- II. Ball welcomed and thanked the committee members for their service and reminded all of the function the committee plays, and its importance to student learning and accreditation.
- III. Overview of Assessment Activities for this Year

New website and newsletter: Will be rolled out during September. The goal is to broaden communication and make assessment more accessible. The newsletter will be produced three times per year: September, January, April/May. O'Neill will notify members when the website has gone live and would appreciate feedback on it and the first newsletter.

Program Assessment: Program assessment materials were due on 8/19 and the committee is now able to review the materials submitted and provide feedback to the programs. Members can come to a retreat on 9/23 from 12:00-3:00 PM to have a social lunch opportunity with peers and to work on reviewing program assessment materials.

Assessment Grants: Due on September 23 and April 7. The committee evaluates the proposals and determines who is awarded funds. A subcommittee will be formed for this process.

Assessment Awards: Assessment committee awards two awards: Rising Star and Achiever. Materials will be reviewed and award determinations are made in Spring 2023.

HERI Faculty Survey: The HERI survey of faculty/instructors is completely every three years at WU and WUTech. It will be completed in Spring 2023, and planning for its roll out will take place during the Fall semester. In addition to receiving data from our faculty/instructors, we will also receive comparison data from similar institutions. Committee members will be asked to encourage their colleagues to participate, and a couple members of this committee will be asked to sit on an ad hoc committee to plan for the HERI.

GCED and ILT USLO Assessment: The assessment committee voted previously to move to a rotation where only two USLOs were reported on and examined each

year. This year, the Global Citizenship, Ethics, and Diversity USLO and Information Literacy and Technology USLO will be assessed. Both will be assessed in the relevant general education courses, and then a secondary measure targeting upper classmen will also be given. ILT will be assessed using the SAILS instrument, which has been used by WU previously. The secondary measure for GCED has not yet been determined. Committee members can:

- Encourage their students to participate in the secondary measures, and communicate with colleague regarding USLO focus and that they can encourage student participation.
- Consider the assessment data next year to think of how we can use the data, as well as how to present the data to faculty.

Plan for Creative Thinking USLO Assessment for Next Year: Need to develop a plan for assessing creative thinking among the upper-level students next year. A standardized instrument was used previously, but we want to change and possibly do an artifact-based assessment, using a AAC&U rubric. Need subcommittee to assist with this planning.

IV. Subcommittee Sign up:

Grants	Awards	Creative Thinking	HERI Faculty Survey
Bobby Tso	Bobby Tso	Chris Jones	Bassima Schbley
Tom Hickman	Tom Hickman	Gloria Dye	Debbie Isaacson
Steve Hageman	Steve Hageman	Michael McGuire	
Benjamin Reed	Emily Grant		
Rhonda Boeckman			

V. Smith (Director of SARR) presented report on Communication and Quantitative and Scientific Reasoning USLOs from 2021-2022. Departments that are interested in their own scores can reach out to request their departmental data, including comparisons to previous years.

VI. O’Neill presented on the process for evaluating program assessment materials in Taskstream. A recording is available for committee members to review: <https://youtu.be/ov8PPZOeTpg>. Committee members are asked to have all reviews completed by the end of September, if possible, and are invited to a retreat on 9/23/2022 for lunch and to review program assessment materials.

VII. Next meetings will be: October 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM and November 17, 2022 at 10:30 AM.