

Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Committee (UOAC) Meeting Minutes  
Date: Friday, October 8, 2021  
Location: ZOOM meeting

Present: Kate McIntyre (Chair, H&A), Andrea Arnold (Mathematical Sciences), John Bergendahl (CEE), Chrys Demetry (Morgan Center), Jennifer deWinter (CAP), Shivaani Gopal (student representative), Art Heinricher (Provost's Office), Melissa Leahy (Office of Strategic Initiatives); and guests Esther Boucher-Yip (H&A) and Aaron Sakulich (CEE)

1. Chair K. McIntyre called the meeting to order at 11:31 am.
2. UOAC welcomed guests Esther Boucher-Yip and Aaron Sakulich, and discussed assessment of global and intercultural competency learning outcomes. Details on the findings of the task force initiated by UOAC in 2017, chaired by Aaron Sakulich, were presented, as well as the direction of the current Morgan Teaching and Learning Center funded project headed by Esther Boucher-Yip, titled "Creating High-Impact Activities and Assessments to Foster Global and Intercultural Learning." Prof. Boucher-Yip's project is anticipated to be completed in summer 2022, and is investigating current activities and assessments, determining best practices, and is also looking at activities at other institutions. It was noted that currently IR does not have a person with assessment expertise. Should an assessment coordinator be hired with assessment skills? The possible use of ePortfolios to help in assessing this outcome was mentioned, but it was thought that implementation of ePortfolios has been lacking. A multi-prong approach to collecting assessment data is likely needed (such as expansion of the NSSE survey, modification of project surveys, etc.). Esther Boucher-Yip left the meeting at 11:57 am, and Aaron Sakulich left at 12:04 pm.
3. The minutes from the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.
4. UOAC committee members continued discussion on global and intercultural competency assessment, and actions needed to be taken by the committee. It was agreed that assessment of this outcome could move forward with initial steps to include: identification of specific NSSE questions addressing this outcome, and additional IQP and MQP survey questions. UOAC will follow up with Prof. Boucher-Yip as the project she is leading comes to completion in summer 2022.
5. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectively submitted,

John Bergendahl, A term Secretary