

Minutes from the 5th meeting of the UOAC: Oct 14th, 2013

Members in Attendance: Art Heinricher, Jill Rulfs, Chrys Demetry, Kristen Billiar (chair), Neil Heffernan

Absent: Kent Rissmiller, Satya Shivkumar (secretary)

Minutes taken by Kris Billiar

1. The 5th UOAC meeting for AY2014 commenced at 9:05am.
2. The minutes from 10/7/13 were discussed, updated and approved.
3. Jill reported on the process of MQP assessment in the BBT department and how it relates to other assessments of student learning. There are many types of assessment, which may lead to survey fatigue for both students and faculty. Discussion ensued about how the assessment process could be streamlined and made more consistent across the Institute to improve the feedback process.
4. Art distributed the preliminary results of the student report on MQP learning for 2012-13 (16 Likert-scale questions and hours spent, filled out in the MQP electronic submission process). Average values and difference from the WPI average are calculated. UOAC discussed how this information could be used to aid departments in improving their programs and what issues should be brought to CAP. We also discussed the addition of an analogous advisor assessment of MQP learning. Many departments already administer an advisor survey of student learning in the context of the MQP. Program specific questions could be included in the electronic assessment.