

UOAC Minutes 10/04/10

The Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Committee held its fifth meeting of the year at 2:05 pm Monday, October 4, 2010 in the Peterson Room of the Campus Center.

Present: Lance Schachterle, Chrys Demetry, Mustapha Fofana, Art Heinricher, Peter Christopher, Emanuel Jimenez

1. The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting of September 27.
2. Dean Heinricher distributed further information from the EBI surveys on responses of WPI senior engineering majors to questions dealing with ethics, specifically those questions that attempt to measure the extent to which WPI engineering education enhances student understanding of ethical responsibilities. Heinricher pointed to a noticeable improvement during the period 2000-2010 on WPI scores on those questions; yet when compared with other institutions, WPI placed roughly at mid-level on ethics questions. The Committee discussed possible explanations for the improved scores including factors such as IQP preparation and increased awareness of rights of human subjects.
3. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Christopher, Secretary