

Minutes of UOAC meeting (#7) 11/9/2015 5:00 p.m.

Attendees: Holly Ault, Lauren Mathews, Art Heinricher, Kent Rissmiller (chair) , Chrys Demetry, Jill Rulfs (acting as secretary)

1. Approval of the minutes of 10/14/15 was deferred to a future date, pending requested revisions.
2. The chair announced a seminar on electronic portfolios coming up and encouraged member participation if possible. These could potentially provide another avenue of assessment of student work. Some discussion of e portfolios ensued, including their potential connection to the strategic initiative tagged "Major with a Mission". Since students can archive both academic and non-academic artifacts, it could provide an opportunity for connecting course work, project work and extracurricular activities related to the mission aspect of Major with a Mission.
3. At the invitation of the committee, Kris Wobbe will attend the November 23rd meeting to discuss assessment of the Great Problems Seminars.
4. Carla Mararian has completed the development of an electronic version of the Advisor Report on Project Learning which can be made available to faculty advisors via the e projects log-in page. The committee members viewed the electronic version and recommended releasing it for use beginning in B term. Some potential problems and concerns were raised, but it was agreed that using the form would be the best way to discover what those really might be.
5. In response to a memo from the committee regarding the new NEASC standards, with particular reference to the university's mission statement, President Leshin noted that there was an updated mission statement in the strategic plan draft document. The committee reviewed the mission statement represented in that document and discussed its ability to meet the NEASC standard, including its ability to serve as a standard for assessment. The members expressed continued concerns with the statement in this regard, and the chair agreed to communicate these concerns to the President and Provost.
6. Interviews of candidates for the Director of Institutional Research are currently underway. UOAC's interest in this position lies in its connection to assessment which function is included in the job description in ways that should prove supportive of the committee's role.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, in full anticipation of the need for revision,

Jill Rulfs. acting again as secretary despite previous failed attempts