

UOAC Minutes

Meeting #4 – October 1, 2014

Present: Ault (secretary), Desjardins, Heinricher, Rissmiller (chair), Rulfs, Shivkumar

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm. The minutes of the meeting from September 24 were discussed and approved with minor revisions.
2. The committee discussed the “Assessment Plan for Undergraduate Learning Outcomes” drafted in 2013. This tool will provide a framework for the compilation of data related to the institutional learning outcomes. This centralized database will further support the work of UOAC in executing its charge to coordinate and communicate outcomes assessment activities across campus. The committee discussed various sources of data that could be used to demonstrate student outcomes for the learning objectives, whether additional sources of data might be necessary, etc. It was noted that some sources such as departmental MQP reviews may not provide consistent data across departments, and that the committee needs to work towards resolution of these inconsistencies in order to obtain valid data. Furthermore, the need for reliable collection of data on a regular schedule was noted. These data will be used in response to several of the NEASC requests for information in the 2016 interim report.
3. Chair Rissmiller will draft a letter to the administration regarding the need for institutional support for assessment activities.
4. The meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.