

Minutes of the UOAC Meeting on September 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at noon in the Peterson Room. In attendance: J. Rulfs, C. Demetry, L. Mathews, H. Ault, K. Rissmiller, E. Desjardins, A. Heinricher, D. DiBiasio

1. DiBiasio was elected secretary.
2. Minutes of the 9/3/15 meeting were approved.
3. Discussion of the IQP/MQP Advisors Report on Student Learning Outcomes took place. This included correlating rating items to ABET items, implementation details, and how non-ABET programs might use the data. Consensus was to use the current form and evaluate possible corrections and improvements in the future. Heinricher and Demetry will coordinate with Dean Cyganski regarding engineering programs use of the form and results for accreditation.
4. Discussion of the position of Director of Institutional Research occurred. KJR explained the job description and AH described the search process. KJR will re-send previous UOAC communications to Provost Bursten and Kristen Tichenor regarding UOAC's needs and input.
5. Summer MQP Reviews: AH stated that BBT was the only department to have submitted one to date in 2015 but that all ABET programs will do it in 2016.
6. 2016 NEASC Report: a mid-term report is due in June, 2016. Discussion of UOAC's role took place. MQP learning outcomes and the process for continuous improvement will be important. UOAC can help with that. NEASC also wants data on "time on task". This is related to federal definitions of credit hours. Student Course and Project Evaluation data can potentially be used to validate these numbers for WPI.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.