

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Committee (UOAC) Meeting Minutes
Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022
Location: ZOOM meeting

Present: Doug Petkie (PH), Andrea Arnold (MA), Chrys Demetry (Morgan Center), Kate McIntyre (HUA), Kent Rissmiller (Provost's representative)

1. Chair D. Petkie called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.
2. The committee reviewed and approved minutes from 9/29.
3. K. Rissmiller shared information about a new potential source of assessment data for Learning Outcome 8, the global and intercultural learning outcome. Sarah Stanlick has encouraged the Global School to join a community-based global learning collective, which includes 40 to 50 institutional members. Our institutional membership will include the opportunity to participate in a global engagement survey. The survey is administered twice in one year and includes both quantitative and qualitative questions. WPI could distribute the survey to students pre-IQP and at the end of their projects. The survey tracks global learning across three broad categories: cultural humility, critical reflection, and global citizenship. The survey has been in use since 2015. We will receive a report on all member schools' results. There might be opportunities to include tailored questions.

The committee discussed the concern that some of this survey's questions might extend beyond the scope of LO8.

4. C. Demetry noted that an assessment calendar is part of the Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Plan (also known as the "matrix"). The matrix and the assessment calendar have not been updated since 2016.

The matrix is a document that tracks assessment mechanisms for the complete list of WPI's learning outcomes. Due to COVID-related disruptions, that calendar now is locally out of date. We need to figure out what has and hasn't been done and propose a new calendar going forward. Additionally, we have found eight to ten NSSE questions that map to LO8. We will narrow this list to the three or four that are most relevant.

There has been another change that affects our ability to interpret NSSE data: the AITU comparison group has dissolved. AITU institutions used to all be on the same NSSE assessment calendar. We will investigate if this comparison group can be restarted so we have more robust comparison data.

5. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Kate McIntyre, secretary for A and B terms