

Minutes of UOAC Meeting #5 on October 27, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 pm in the Beckett Conference Room. In attendance: L. Mathews (chair), C. Demetry, Ault, Desjardins, deWinter, Heinricher, Donta-Venman (guest).
2. Minutes from meetings 3 and 4 were approved with changes.
3. Dean Heinricher informed the committee that the recently submitted interim NEASC report promised that UOAC would conduct various activities over the next 5 years such as reviewing learning outcomes, investigating the assessment of global competency, and determine actions to be taken based on results of project report outcomes assessments.
4. The committee discussed issues related to the use of national surveys such as EBI, NSSE and similar sources of data.
5. Dean Heinricher reported that response rates for the Faculty Reports on Student Learning for MQPs and IQPs were lower than desired. Difficulties in implementation seem to be part of the problem. Access to the survey is not mainstreamed in the e-CDR process and there are no reminders to faculty who do not complete the survey.
6. The committee briefly discussed the need to identify measures for assessing global competency. A subcommittee had been formed during the strategic planning process consisting of Professors Hansen, Addison, and Shockey but did not produce a report. IGSD has some kind of report on global impact that may have some useful data (authored by Profs. DiBiasio, Golding). Faculty learning community on global learning exists; this group may have some resources. AAC&U has some resources such as rubrics. These resources may be useful as UOAC examines the need to revise the institutional learning outcomes. Prof. Demetry will try to identify resources from the FLC.
7. Prof. deWinter is making some progress on getting information on how other universities assess learning outcomes.
8. Next meeting in GH311. Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.