Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Committee (UOAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, October 31, 2022

Location: ZOOM meeting

Present: Doug Petkie (PH), Andrea Arnold (MA), Chrys Demetry (Morgan Center), Soroush Farzin (CEAE), Adrienne Hall-Phillips (CAP representative), Kate McIntyre (HUA), Kent Rissmiller (Provost’s representative), Melissa Leahy (Office of Strategic Initiatives)

1. Chair D. Petkie called the meeting to order at 11:08 pm.

2. The committee reviewed and approved with minor amendments minutes from meeting #2.

3. K. Rissmiller reported that he had a conversation with Provost Heinricher about registration for the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). Provost Heinricher will attend an AITU meeting in April and will encourage other AITU institutions to participate in NSSE on the same cycle as WPI, so we will have a robust comparison group for NSSE data.

   C. Demetry noted that WPI has relatively fresh NSSE data, from our participation in 2021.

   D. Petkie proposed that UOAC examine the 2021 NSSE findings holistically in preparation for our next meeting.

   NSSE has some additional, optional modules on topics including high impact practices, inclusiveness, and global learning. The committee will examine the main body of the NSSE survey and the supplementary modules to determine if the additional modules are needed. The committee will transmit recommendations to Provost Heinricher before the AITU meeting in April.

4. K. Rissmiller shared DIGS’s upcoming plans for IQP assessments. DIGS plans to look at rotating groups of three of the nine IQP learning outcomes during the next assessment cycles. DIGS seeks feedback from UOAC about which outcomes are most important to examine at this time. UOAC will receive a survey that will allow each of us to make our recommendations.

5. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Kate McIntyre, secretary for A and B terms