

Minutes of UOAC Meeting #9 on December 8, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am in the Beckett conference room. In attendance: L. Mathews (chair), H. Ault, J. deWinter, C. Demetry, D. Samson, A. Heinricher, E. DesJardins, D. Olinger, A. Donta-Venman (guest).
2. Minutes from meeting #8 were approved with minor corrections.
3. No meeting next week (end of term, faculty meeting). Prof. Ault will be away during C term; Prof. deWinter will take over as scribe.
4. The committee discussed advisor surveys for M/IQP outcomes. About 2000 students completed projects, about 350 advisors completed the survey (about 17% response rate). We need to identify mechanisms that would encourage higher participation rates.
5. J. Rudolph (guest) joined the committee to discuss global competency and its relationship to learning outcomes. Prof. Rudolph recommends the creation of a framework to allow students to acquire more global competency while on campus. The goal of this framework would be to foster a more meaningful experience while on site and then reflect when the student has returned to campus. As an example, Prof. Rudolph described activities associated with the China project center. She provided a definition of global competency as “the capacity and disposition to understand and act on issues of global significance” (Council of Chief State School Officers), and pointed out that many alternative definitions exist. Some learning objectives associated with global competency might be to be able to: develop a broader awareness and interest in the world, compare different perspectives, communicate ideas to different audiences, and formulate a project to account for different perspectives of stakeholders. Prof. Rudolph suggested that some assessment tools could include reflection papers or portfolios.
6. Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.