

General Education Assessment Committee
Nov. 2, 2020
4pm, Online via Zoom

Present: David Beougher (Academic Dean), Diana Ebersole (VPA), Sudarshan Fernando (CLAS), Liaoliao Li (COB), Amy Lu (at-large teaching faculty), Christine Núñez (at-large teaching faculty), Amber Pabon (COE), Krista Prock (Office of Assessment), Karen Rauch (Administrative Affairs), Daniel Stafford (at-large non-teaching faculty) and John Stanley (GEC).

Absent: Undergraduate Student Representative, and Robert Ryan (at-large teaching faculty).

Guests: Bethany French

Amber Pabon called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Announcements:

Minutes:

The minutes from the Oct. 19, 2020, meeting were presented for review.

They were moved by J. Stanley, and seconded by C. Nunez. MOTION PASSED.

Old Business:

Prepping for Middle States Site Visit on Nov 12-13

K. Rauch informed the committee that pre-meetings were held with those who have been invited to participate in the meetings with the MSCHE visiting teams, and K. Rauch presented a slideshow on the assessment cycle and how assessment works. All of campus is invited to the Friday morning Exit Report webinar, which will be presented by the visiting team and they will not take any comments or questions. The link will be sent out to campus soon. J. Stanley mentioned he did not receive an invitation to a premeeting and requested that K. Rauch send him the information from her powerpoint to review.

K. Prock mentioned that this is the second time we have had a visiting team come to KU, the previous time was in April 2019, and she reviewed that team's suggestions for GEAC. Some of those items include that GEAC should focus on improving student learning in General Education to be inclusive of all student learning; they want to see GEAC refining its processes (assessing our assessment); and that the administrative infrastructure was complex.

K. Rauch added that they have required that participants add their titles to their Zoom names. She is sending out instructions on how to update that.

D. Ebersole noted that some of the processes worked on this semester should be highlighted, such as taking on a new file sharing process and collecting work products via OneDrive.

New Business:

Updates on Fall 2020 data collection

K. Prock noted that she doesn't know how to monitor the OneDrive folders, since she's still learning OneDrive herself. At least one professor has emailed her that a sampled student had not submitted the assignment for the SLO. K. Prock added that the due date for submissions is in December, and that GEAC may want to send out a reminder around finals week.

Spring 2020 ratings are in the process of being returned, and the due date is 11/15. D. Ebersole suggested that when a reminder email is sent out that we will allow submissions until 11/16, since 11/15 is a Sunday.

A. Pabon shared her screen to show the committee the OneDrive folders for FYS submissions, and the committee could see that many still have 0-items.

SLO 8 Data Analysis

K. Rauch noted that R. Ryan had sent in the breakdown of students, and discussed what he had worked on.

A. Pabon asked for context on this SLO and what information is gleaned from it; K. Rauch responded that the intent is to show the breadth of coursework students are taking in a liberal arts education, and that this is a summative assessment, so the expectation would be scoring in 3 or 4, not just 2.

S. Fernando questioned one of the numbers, and if that means that 14 students graduated with less than 3 different prefixes. Discussion ensued. K. Rauch said she will ask R. Ryan to look into those 14 students.

D. Beougher suggested also breaking down the numbers by major, so that GEAC can review if there are particular majors that have students taking fewer prefixes.

As May Arise:

D. Ebersole added additional notes for the MSCHE visit. She suggested that in addition to highlighting the file sharing, participants could mention that there has been discussion on various ways to increase faculty rating participation, ideas on what information to request from Institutional Research about data from various student groups, and the SLO 8 data discussions. K. Prock reminded the committee that this visit is a normal part of being on warning, and is to gauge if we are still on track and doing what we need to do.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58pm

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