



**Advisory Committee on Academic Assessment (ACAA)  
Accreditation, Assessment and Learning  
Office of the Provost  
Kent State University**

**March 7, 2017 Meeting  
Kent Student Center Room 316**

**MINUTES**

**Members in Attendance:**

Susan Perry (co-chair), Jennifer Abate, Kathy Spicer, Erica Eckert, Joe Clark, Jenny Marcinkiewicz, Mary Ann Haley, Valerie Samuel, Larry Froehlich, Paul Gaston, Erin Ahrens, Hollie Simpson, Cesquinn Curtis, Loubna Bilali, Jessie Carduner, Joan Meggitt, Meghan Harper, David Garcia, Cathy Mahrle, Pat Vermeersch (co-chair), Keri Richmond

**I. Introductions**

Dr. Susan Perry opened the meeting by asking if there was anyone present that had not attended the previous meeting. One new representative was introduced.

**II. Approval of February minutes**

Minutes from the February meeting were presented and approved with no changes to be made.

**III. Great Colleges to Work For results – Teaching Environment items**

Dr. Susan Perry addressed an issue that was mentioned at the last ACAA meeting regarding which questions informed a specific category of the Great Colleges to Work For survey. A handout was shared by Dr. Perry that lists these questions with corresponding results from the 2016 survey administration. Some discussion, questions, and observations were raised concerning this topic.

**IV. Accreditation and assessment spotlight (Paul Gaston)**

Dr. Paul Gaston presented an article to the committee members that listed four current and emerging issues in higher education. He asked each member of the committee to read over the article and discuss each of the topics with a neighboring member. The members then reconvened and each topic was addressed through informative and lively discussion led by Dr. Gaston on the future landscape of accreditation.

**V. Rubric discussion**

Each assessment rubric group designed a separate rubric, to be used in Taskstream to evaluate each of the parts of the program assessment plan. The three rubrics will be collectively standardized in terms of design and scale. Kathy Spicer addressed questions that were

submitted prior to the meeting. A discussion of Taskstream capabilities ensued and desired future features were expressed.

**Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Susan Perry**

These items were tabled until the next ACAA meeting in April

**VI. Subcommittee update**

- a. Timeline and process subcommittee**
- b. Open Pathway communication plan subcommittee**

**VII. Announcements**

**VIII. HLC Criteria exercise**

**IX. Next meeting – April 25, 2017, Provost Conference Room 222**