

Advisory Committee on Academic Assessment

Minutes

November 18, 2014

Members in Attendance:

Hadeel Akram, Regina Bond, Joe Clark, Fashaad Crawford, Cesquinn Curtis, Erica Eckert, Julie Gabella, Meghan Harper, Deborah Huntsman, Tasha Ledrich, Cathy Mahrle, Joan Meggitt, Donald Palmer, Mary Parr, Lynette Phillips, Valerie Samuel, Arina Shcheglova, Kathy Spicer, Pamela Tontodonato, Patricia Vermeersch, Lindsey Westermann Ayers and Artem Zvavitch.

Members Absent:

Amanda Clark, Pratim Datta, David Dees, Michealle Gabrovsek, Gretchen Julian, Janeen Kotsch, Kimberly Peer, David Putman, and Kathryn Strand.

1. Introductions/Welcome

- a. Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2014 Meeting – The committee approved the meeting minutes as written.

2. Purpose of Committee www.kent.edu/aqip/ACAA/index.cfm

Purposes of the Office of Accreditation, Assessment and Learning:

The Office of Accreditation, Assessment and Learning has major responsibility for directing the University's assessment process and for coordinating planning and implementation strategies for assessment of major fields of study, general education and academic programs. The office also provides oversight of the university's accreditation process-Academic Quality Improvement Project (AQIP), and serves as the university liaison with the Higher Learning Commission.

Purposes of ACAA Committee:

The purposes of the Advisory Committee for Academic Assessment are to serve the University as the primary advisory body to the Office of Accreditation, Assessment and Learning. Members serve as liaison for assessment ideas and issues to their constituencies while fulfilling their committee responsibilities as university citizens. Members may also provide leadership to academic units as they help foster the implementation of a comprehensive academic assessment plan for the University.

3. ACAA Updates

a. Provost Office

- The one million dollar National Talent Dividend prize awarded to the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was discussed. The prize was accepted by the Northeast Ohio Commission on Higher Education (NOCHE) in Washington, DC. Kent State University falls into the Akron

MSA and Dr. Crawford serves as the NOCHE representative for the university. Kent State University's share of the National Talent Dividend prize is \$143,750.

- b. Lindsey Westermann Ayers thanked the committee for assisting in disseminating information advising undergraduate students to participate in the CLA during the 2014 fall semester. The CLA will be offered during this semester for graduating seniors. Valerie Samuel provided an overview of the Student Achievement Measure (SAM).

 - c. Unit/Other Updates

 - d. Kent Core Assessment
4. Quality Improvement Activities: Group Discussion – the committee was split into two discussion groups focusing on:
- a. Higher Learning Commission – Kathy Spicer led a discussion regarding the Quality Checkup Report feedback. The discussion also highlighted assessment best practices currently underway in various academic programs. An assessment best practice example was provided by Meghan Harper.
 - b. Data Management Survey – Lindsey Westermann Ayers and Lynette Phillips provided an updated survey draft designed for current WEAVE users. The discussion included feedback regarding survey format, design, and questions. The survey is slated to be administered during this semester.
5. Other
- a. New Business

 - b. Old Business
6. Discussion
- a. Meeting Adjournment