Minutes
Assessment Oversight Committee
February 24, 2014, 4:00 p.m. 1510 Ullsvik Hall

Attendees: Shane Drefcinski (Chair), Mark Meyers, Dan Enz, Dominic Barraclough, Steve Yung, Lisa Merkes-Kress (Recording Secretary)

Absent: John Sagehorn, Karen Stinson, Joong-Jae Lee, Tera Montgomery

Guests: Hal Everson, Yuanyuan Hu

Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Approval of February 11, 2014 minutes
   Enz motioned to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Meyers. Minutes approved.

2. Nanotechnology: Hal Everson
   Evensen described the recent challenges to the Microsystems and Nanomaterials program. This new major encountered difficulties in getting off the ground, but has recently secured a level of stability and anticipates a bright future. Because it is so new, the program does not have much assessment work in place. Nevertheless, it has utilized its assessment results. For example, advice from employers has led it to change its name from Nanotechnology to Nanomaterial. The AOC was largely satisfied with the assessment plan of Microsystems and Nanomaterials.

   Masters of Science Education and English Education program (MSEE) received funds for 2013-14 academic years and received an extension for their final report. This is a two-year Masters program. Instructors travel to China during the winter and summer breaks to teach the program. Since the start of the program in 2001, enrollment initially increased but has declined in recent years and the AAF grant investigated whether dissatisfaction with the program is one of the reasons why. Their surveys of graduates and instructors indicate strong support for the MSEE program. Yuanyuan Hu speculates that some of the factors for the decline are due social economic changes and the ease in getting a VISA so that more Chinese students can study in the United States for an extended period. The program has successfully passed evaluation by China’s Ministry of Education, so this should help with enrollment in the upcoming years.

4. Evaluation Forms for Engineering Physics, Software Engineering, and General Engineering
   Chair Drefcinski summarized each program changes; the three programs show no major concerns so with AOC’s agreement Drefcinski will forward these to APC.

5. NSSE Results: Dominic Barraclough
   Tabled for next meeting

6. Other

7. Adjourn
   Chair Drefcinski adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2014
1. Irfan Ul-Haq, “Learning about Student Behavior in Math Class”
2. Living and Learning Center-- Leeann Duwe
3. Evaluation Forms for Mechanical & Industrial Engineering and Electrical Engineering