Minutes
Assessment Oversight Committee
March 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: Charles Steiner

Meeting called to order at 4:07 p.m.

1. Approval of March 10, 2014 minutes
   Minutes approved as presented.

2. Pioneer Farm: Charles Steiner
   The Pioneer Farm is not an academic area but serves three purposes: education, research, and outreach. The farm provides hands on experience to the students.
   • The farm is self-sustaining; generates approximately $1M with approximately $1M in expenses.
   • Main purpose of the farm is to serve as a laboratory for undergraduate research.
   • Steiner provides an annual report to the School of Agriculture.

   Education: Pioneer Farm serves as a laboratory for many courses and Steiner meets with faculty on a regular basis to discuss what the farm can provide for the courses.

   Research: For example, Pioneer Farm is currently doing research on run off with three different fields and three different basins to capture run off.

   Outreach: Send surveys to various participants and different programs to gain feedback of how Pioneer Farm can serve students and faculty better.

   Discussion ensued about if AOC should continue to review the Pioneer Farm. No final decision was made.

3. NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement) Results: Dominic Barraclough
   NSSE survey was distributed during the spring of 2013. NSSE is designed to be a measure of the institution as a whole. Barraclough’s presentation drew attention to the NSSE results. NSSE is administered to first year and senior students. The national average response rate is 22% UWP had a response rate of 30%. These are students’ self-report of their perceptions, experiences, and plans.

   Discussion ensued about the areas where UW-Platteville scores much lower than comparable institutions. The discussion will continue at the April14 meeting.

4. Adjourn
   Chair Drefcinski adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2014
There are no programs scheduled to be reviewed on April 14. We will discuss the NSSE survey and the proposed AOC questions.