Assessment Oversight Committee  
Agenda  
April 14, 2008  
4 p.m.  1510 Ullsvik Hall  

Present: Carol Sue Butts (Provost), Dennis Ciesielski (LAE), Ben Collins (Faculty Senate Representative), Shane Drefcinski (Assessment coordinator, Undergraduate Curriculum Commission Representative), Mohan Gill (EMS), Marge Karsten (BILSA), Tom Lo Guidice (LAE), Matthew Roberts (EMS), Amanda Trewin (BILSA, APC Representative), and Carlos Wiley (Student Affairs Representative),  

Absent: (Student Senate Representative)  

Guest: Mark Meyers  

1. Minutes from 3/10/08 were approved  
2. Announcements  
   
   Call for AAF proposals went out. Applications are due 4/25/08. Committee will choose recipients for recommendation to the Provost at next meeting.  

2008-09 AOC schedule updated  
9/8/08  
9/22/08 Physical education  
10/13/08  
10/27/08  
11/10/08  
11/24/08  
12/8/08 Accounting  
1/26/09 D. Anderson, QUIP for Study Abroad  
2/9/09 Student Health Services  
2/23/09  
3/9/09  
3/23/09  
4/13/09 Political science  
   Services for Students with Disabilities  
4/27/09 International studies  
5/12/09 AAF grant recommendations  

Several programs still need to be added to the schedule: Ethnic studies, Theater, Speech communication, Mathematics (gen ed.), History (gen ed.), Prospective student services, Information services (OIT, LTC, TV services and Distance learning). Also need to schedule several Assessment Activity Fund Reports: J. Olson, J. Clark, C. Beals, L. Riedle-International exchange Programs, Huebschman, Muzinga, Meinhardt, Tabrizi, Harris, Wilkins-Minority satisfaction at UWP, Bromley-Diversity and MSE, LoGuidice, Student success in college.
Confucius Institute opened. Opening was a wonderful event with approximately 30 Chinese delegates and WI State government representatives. Our Confucius institute is one of 42 Confucius institutes across US. It is the only one in WI. UWP was awarded over UW-Madison because UWP has a 10-year history of offering English as 2nd Language program for Chinese students. $100,000/yr and Chinese visiting faculty staff the Institute. There will be many opportunities to learn about China through Institute activities.

3. Assessment Activity Fund report: Mark Meyers’ “Improved Methods of Assessment of the UWP Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering Programs for the Purposes of ABET Accreditation”

Mark Meyers presented report for the Departmental Assessment Committee. He summarized their assessment procedure in hopes that others can learn from it.

ABET requires ongoing assessment and documentation for accreditation. While assessment has been done in the past, faculty felt that only one of the assessments was a direct assessment measure (Fundamentals of Engineering Examination-75% of students take this exam). They felt that because UWP offers a strong practice-oriented degree, that practice-oriented objectives and outcomes needed to be developed. These objectives are closely aligned with the 11 ABET learning outcomes. Then, objectives were aligned with required courses. Every course didn’t need to encompass every objective. Good program assessment includes appropriate measurement tools and provides feedback to the program. They found that some tools were unsatisfactory and therefore they did need to revise tools. ASCE recently published 24 New Civil Engineering Body of Knowledge outcomes. This document provides levels on Blooms taxonomy that each level of education (BS, MS, PHD) should achieve. Outcomes may need to be revised to reflect these recommendations.

Report accepted.

4. Adjournment