Minutes
Assessment Oversight Committee
April 11, 2011

Present: Shane Drefcinski, Dominic Barraclough, Arthur Ranney, P.B.Ravikumar

Guest: Mark Meyers

1. Minutes of the March 28, 2011 were approved unanimously.
2. Drefcinski announced that the latest model for General Education may be up for vote at UUCC soon. UUCC has been involved in the process all along. Once UUCC approves, the Faculty Senate will have to vote to approve. This could happen at the last meeting of the Faculty Senate this semester.
3. With supporting documents handed out as a report to the committee, Mark Meyers of Civil and Environmental Engineering described the assessment plans of both programs of the department, their implementation, and updated results of the assessment. Meyers described how the outcomes in the outcome assessment plan table relate to the program objectives. Philip Parker, Matthew Roberts, Christina Curras, and Mark Meyers, all faculty of the Civil and Environmental Engineering department, worked as a committee to develop the plan through the help of grants. Meyers brought attention to some of the points in the report such as the need to improve meeting the criteria for outcomes and objectives of life-long learning and writing. Drefcinski said that AOC, as a committee, shares the view of Civil and Environmental Engineering that it is not possible to achieve the goal that every student must meet every objective all the time. Meyers followed up by saying that continuous improvement will always be in place to approach this ideal goal progressively. Meyers drew attention to students having difficulty differentiating global and societal contexts. Ravikumar suggested introduction of student reflection techniques on these topics as is often done with issues such as engineering ethics. In response to a question about the software Catme by Ravikumar, Meyers said that Catme is being used for assigning teams and for assessing team effectiveness in working together in suitable courses.
4. Some minor changes to the Agriculture Business AOC Summary were made. Drefcinski will make the formal changes before posting.
5. Drefcinski drew attention to the next AOC meeting of May 9, the main agenda being the review of AAF Grant Proposals. There were no other items of business brought up by the committee membership.
6. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P.B. Ravikumar