Minutes
Assessment Oversight Committee
May 9, 2011


1. The meeting began at approximately 4:00. Minutes from the April 11, 2011 meeting were approved.

2. Announcements:
   a. Barraclough shared the preliminary results of the Campus Climate Survey. Among the students, there was a 26% response rate. Among full professors, the response rate was 78%. Detailed results are forthcoming.
   b. Barraclough also shared information of upcoming assessment conferences in Kentucky and Indiana, as well as other resources that the university could purchase to help members of the AOC stay current.
   c. Drefcinski noted that the general education revisions will not be approved at the May 10 Faculty Senate meeting. Instead, the proposal will be tabled until the APC and UABC have a chance to review and approve it.

3. The AOC Summary of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Assessment Report was approved without revisions.

4. The AOC discussed the five AAF grant applications.
   a. The AOC agrees that the Smith NSSE proposal should be funded. However, the committee thinks that in the future, funding for the analysis of the survey should be automatically included in the budget for the administration of the NSSE survey, rather than funded by the AAF. The AOC also wonders if, in the post-Smith era, analysis of NSSE should be done by the Office of Institutional Research.
   b. The AOC agrees that the Ciesielski/Smith proposal should be funded. The committee recognizes the importance of the work Ciesielski will do to train faculty how to teach writing emphasis courses. Some members did express disappointment that the outcomes to be assessed and the means for assessing those outcomes were not clearer in the proposal.
   c. The AOC recommends that no other applications receive funding. The Hollingsworth and Ray proposals should be funded by other university resources. But because the proposals have very little to do with assessment, funding should not come from AAF. The Ravikumar proposal was rejected because the AOC wants to see the fruits of a previous proposal before funding this one. Perhaps this proposal could be funded in the future.

5. There were no other items discussed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:05.