Minutes
Assessment Oversight Committee
February 11, 2013
4 p.m.  1510 Ullsvik Hall

1. Present: Dominic Barraclough, Dave Boyles, Tom Caywood, Dan Enz, Karen Gagne, Mary Rose Williams, and Shane Drefcinski

2. Approval of January 28, 2013 minutes
   Minutes approved as read
   Motion – Mary Rose Williams
   2nd – Dave Boyles

3. Tom Caywood gave a powerpoint presentation that summarized the Criminal Justice (CJ) Department’s assessment results. He noted that CJ has over 600 majors, and they have 563 surveys from those students. Most students are satisfied with the CJ program. When asked how satisfied they were with their criminal justice education – 41.3% were extremely satisfied and 51.7% were very well satisfied. Only 7.5% were somewhat well satisfied or not satisfied with the program. As a result when asked if they would chose a criminal justice major again the vast majority of students (89.2%) would if fact do it again.

   The CJ faculty, however, have some concerns. As Caywood put it, “Outcomes for theory and research continue to be problematic.” Statistics is a prerequisite for the CJ research course (CRIMLJUS 3900) but too many students are enrolling without meeting that prerequisite. The CJ faculty members are trying to tighten that requirement. Another concern is the students’ preconceived ideas about criminal justice. Too many students expect CJ to be like CSI or some other entertainment program.

   In response to questions, Caywood noted that CJ does not conduct a long-term survey its graduates. He admitted difficulty in tracking graduates and determining the program’s placement rate, partly because some graduates do not gain employment in the field until months or even years after graduation.

4. Approved drafts of the Summaries of Dining Services and Media Studies
5. The AOC chooses to leave open the focus of this year’s AAF grants.
6. Dave Boyles shared a handout from the APC that indicates some of the changes to the program review process that they are considering. They will discuss their proposal at the next AOC meeting
7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm

Next Meeting: February 25, 2013 – Meet with members from the Academic Planning Council