Current Charges

1) Faculty Bylaws; Article IV, Section 4: Academic Standards Committee (ASC)

a. Responsibilities
   i. On a rotating basis, systematically reviews courses that satisfy general education requirements to assure these courses are meeting the overall goals set forth in the General Education Plan and reports its recommendations to the UUCC.

2) The Assessment Oversight Committee (AOC) was established as a university-level committee as a recommendation of UWP's Plan for Assessment of Student Academic Achievement (1995).

Responsibilities

The broad duties of the AOC are to work closely with the Provost, Academic Planning Council, Graduate Council, the University Undergraduate Curriculum Commission, and Student Affairs Leadership Team in assisting, coordinating, evaluating, and overseeing the various efforts to assess student learning done by departments, programs, general education, and student services. Specifically, the AOC:

2. Monitors on a continuing basis the assessment of general education; reviews assessment updates from each of the departments and programs, scheduled to fall half-way between the APC reviews of said departments and programs.

Points to ponder

1) The actual assessment of the general education course should be conducted by the department.

2) The department should pass that assessment of their general education courses on to ASC. The department should not be asking ASC to conduct the assessment itself.

Most straightforward solution

1) Departments perform assessment of their general education outcomes and report to ASC/ASC representative(s).

2) ASC stays true to their charter, reviews department assessment with an emphasis on departments’ evidence of closing the loop and improving courses.

3) ASC forwards these results to AOC as well as HLC Criterion Team 3.