

Academic Assessment Committee

Minutes

March 7, 2011

Attending:

Beth Rinard	Roger Wittie	Karol Blaylock	Teresa Davidian
Betty Jo Monk	Denise Martinez	Kay Teague	Dwayne Snider
Bob Newby	Jane Dennis	Melissa Becker	Gay Wakefield
Jason Sharp	Jason LaTouche	Thomas Bradley	

1. Follow up RE SACS

COLFA—Scheduled to finish last area

COE—Crews still needs to schedule sessions to finish up his programs.

COST:

Marble met with Gay Wakefield last month to get a list of loose ends that need to be finished up in his department.

Rinard has two area scheduled for meetings this week.

Remember that, since 2011-12 has rolled into WEAVE as the future cycle, all 2010-11 changes after Jan. 1 must be designated to copy forward or must be changed again in 2011-12.

2. Schedule—Please remind constituents weekly.

3. Texas A&M Conference

The topic of multiple measures/triangulation was included in numerous sessions, including both plenaries.

Several sessions laid the groundwork for changes to be made in SACS requirements soon.

Increasing U. S. Dept. of Education pressure is falling on accreditation agencies, including SACS, specifically regarding “too many” schools passing accreditation too easily—expect tighter standards from SACS.

Peter Ewell discussed President Obama’s goal for 60% college graduation—and U. S. governors’ push for higher college-completion rates—as being possible only if under-served populations are graduated in much larger numbers. He pointed out that this is not feasible with planned financial-aid cuts in state and national budgets.

4. 2011-12 Assessment Plan Reviews

First-round reviews need to be completed and forwarded electronically to the designated second-round reviewer for your constituents (listed below) no later than 3/17. If, by March 18, you don't receive completed first-round rubrics from the person listed below, *please e-mail that person directly to request them—and please copy Gay Wakefield on the e-mail*, so she can keep up with how things are progressing.

Second-round reviews need to be completed on the forms provided from the original reviewer. Just add your name as a reviewer on the first page, using a different color from the original review's type. Then place a "/" after each of the original review ratings and add your own rating behind it—also in the color used for your name. Please complete all programs' forms and return them to the first-round reviewer from whom you received them (listed below) no later than 3/25.

If, by March 25, you don't receive completed second-round rubrics from the person listed below, *please e-mail that person directly to request them—and please copy Gay Wakefield on the e-mail*, so she can keep up with how things are progressing.

Second-round reviews are designed to make the workloads as even as possible. Please note that this is a round-robin process, in order to even out the workload as much as possible, so you do not simply exchange with one other person.

When you receive the second-round reviews for your constituents, please rectify any discrepancies between your ratings and those of the second reviewer, contacting Gay Wakefield for any items for which you are uncertain RE which rating is more appropriate. In general, if one of the reviewers has issues with the item, it probably needs to be revised in some way.

Next, please end the previous reviews loaded into the programs' the document depositories in 2010-11 and then load the 2011-12 combined reviews into the document depositories; then discuss the results and recommendations with department heads and programs' lead faculty member(s).

As noted in the schedule, please send Gay Wakefield an e-mail by 3/25 indicating which departments are satisfactory and which have revisions needed—based on the combined review rounds.

Here's the designation for who should receive an e-mail by 4/18 with your completed first-round rubrics attached, and from whom you should receive an e-mail by 4/18 with completed first-round rubrics for your review in the second round:

- ***Karol Blaylock forwards completed COAHS academic-program reviews to Kay Teague.
- ***Kay Teague forwards completed COST academic-program reviews to Thomas Bradley.
- ***Thomas Bradley forwards completed COBA academic-program reviews to Bob Newby.
- ***Bob Newby forwards completed COED academic-program reviews to Jason LaTouche.
- ***Jason LaTouche forwards completed COLFA academic-program reviews to Karol Blaylock.
- ***Melissa Becker forwards completed Academic Affairs academic-program reviews to Jane Dennis.
- ***Jane Dennis forwards completed Academic Affairs budgetary-unit reviews to Melissa Becker.
- ***Roger Wittie forwards completed COAHS budgetary-unit reviews to Beth Rinard.
- *** Beth Rinard forwards completed COST budgetary-unit reviews to Jason Sharp.

*** Jason Sharp forwards completed COBA budgetary-unit reviews to Betty Jo Monk.

*** Betty Jo Monk forwards completed COED budgetary-unit reviews to Teresa Davidian.

*** Teresa Davidian forwards completed COLFA budgetary-unit reviews to Roger Wittie.

Please let Gay Wakefield know if you have any questions.

5. Dept. head rep's—Please update your college dean and all dept. heads on these items ASAP.

6. Spring meetings

Monday, 4/11, 4:00

Monday, 5/2, 4:00