Monitoring Report & MSCHE Site Visit

Laura Waters opened the meeting with discussion of the Middle States Commission for Higher Education (MSCHE) Monitoring Report that was completed at the end of August.

The MSCHE site visit team will be on campus on September 10th, 2013. The UAC is scheduled to meet with the site visit team 11 am to noon – please be flexible in case things change. The suggestion was made to faculty to get someone to cover their class if the meeting conflicts with their schedule.

A question was raised asking if the site visit team was going to speak with individuals in the departments. We are not sure if they will or not. We have their schedule but they reserve the right to change their plans up to the last minute.

Committee members should think about their roles on the UAC. They should communicate with the departments, bring issues back to the committee, discuss measures, and be on board with keeping the assessment process on campus moving forward. Some of the departments have been doing tremendous work and we should be proud and celebrate what we are doing.

Laura suggested that the university wide outcomes should be posted on bulletin boards and check with Academic Computing about making it a screen saver. An ESU message will be going out next week and Joann will email to the committee a link of the posting that has the Monitoring Report summary.

The site visit team will make an oral presentation at the end of their day and provide feedback to ESU one week later. We have one week to respond to their feedback. Then, the Commission has a week to complete their final report and we respond to MSCHE. The oral presentation is not a time open for discussion. The entire process is complete by November or December.

Annual Program Assessment Reports

Undergraduate non-accredited program’s annual assessment reports are due October 1st covering the 2012-2013 Academic Year. Graduate and accredited programs’ annual assessment reports are due December 13th. To prevent any confusion regarding accredited vs. non-accredited programs, Joann Stryker will email the list of programs. An announcement went out regarding the deadlines. It was clarified with Dr. Kramer that this is to come from the Deans.
Membership and Leadership

We are looking for a full professor to become co-chair of the UAC in the spring semester. Laura Waters will continue as co-chair for fall but needs to focus efforts elsewhere.

Website

Help was requested for a revamp of the UAC website. The website did not weather the latest website upgrade very well and needs a complete rethinking. The Program Level Committee wants web links to exemplary assessment by program, as well as to authentic and alternative assessments. Michael Sachs indicated he will give provide ideas for this work. The Assessment Specialist in Institutional Research and Assessment will be leading this effort once on board.

Workgroups

- Professional Development
- Institutional Level Assessment
- Program Level Assessment

General Education Committee

Dr. Pruim gave an update from GEC. They had their first meeting yesterday.

- Transfer track - transfer in and we will take 24 credits from your previous institution --- into our GE program.
- Improving writing among our students. Besides elements of GE - level 2 and level 3 writing requirement for all students with a 200 or 300 level course that is designated as writing intensive.
- Global perspective requirement can be an upper level course and can be from any department.

Who will make determination on transfer course designations?
first ask question - does your institution have a common curriculum - GE, liberal arts core ---- then those 24 will count rather than articulating.

All currently approved GE courses would need to be recertified.

The next UAC meeting is scheduled for October 25th from 2:00 – 3:00pm at Stroud 210.