

Assessment of Student Learning Subcommittee
Of the University Education Policies Committee
End of Year Report

The subcommittee's membership--Steve Filling, Chet Jensen, Chelsea Minor, Gary Novak, Roseanne Roy, Mark Thompson, and Niki Young--met on: 9/30, 10/21, 11/18, & 12/9, 2004 and 3/1, 4/5, and 4/26, 2005.

During the course of the year, the committee was visited by GE Subcommittee Chair S. Davis, Vice-Provost Demetrulias, and UEPC Chair R. Floyd.

The subcommittee took these actions and makes the following recommendations:

1. Reviewed its charge and clarified that the subcommittee's major roles are to recommend policy and to recommend on the scope and purpose of ASL assessment projects to the UEPC.
2. Reviewed the recommendations of the working groups that attended the San Ramon and San Mateo conferences.
3. Reviewed and suggested revisions to "Leadership, Management, and Assessment for Ensuring Quality of the General Education Program" (10/1/04 draft)
4. Discussed the availability and use of the \$100K set aside by the president for assessment.
5. Recommended to Novak that a variety of faculty be invited to attend assessment conferences and that he work with faculty and programs that are open to and engaged in assessment activities.
6. Discussed the kinds of information that may be required under the principles of assessment of student learning in relation to the types of questions visiting WASC staff might ask of programs (WASC questions will focus on learning outcomes, how are they used by the department, what kind assessment are used beyond grades, what have been the discussions in the department about learning results, what's going on with program review, how does the department engage with university-wide learning outcomes, what are the rewards for faculty?)
7. Recommended that the subcommittee and the GE subcommittee meet jointly in the coming year to move a proposal forward to the AS concerning assessment of student learning. Specifically that subcommittees begin by jointly focusing on one of the GE goals and an assessment council consisting of one representative from each department as the basis of work to be coordinated through the FDC on a major plan to bring forward to ASL/GE. As part of the work to move this proposal, ASL & GE should meet jointly in the coming year with reporting from the ad hoc group as a standing agenda item and to work on a jointly sponsored resolution to the UEPC for consideration by the AS in spring 06.

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