

CWAAC Minutes

Sep 23, 2021

In Attendance: Michael Unger (Chair), Sarah Carberry, Christina Connor, Susan Gaulden, Tim Haase, Sharon Leathers, Stacie Taranto and Jackie Skrzynski.

CWAAC discussed the following topics.

- CWAAC welcomed CA Representative Jackie Skrynski back to the committee.
- Five Year Program Reviews & Assessment
 - CWAAC supports using Five Year External Program Reviews in place of student learning outcome assessment for an academic year.
 - CWAAC contends that the Program Review is an assessment activity, as it involves reviewing previous assessment results, reports by external evaluators and reflecting on wide range of data to improve student learning (e.g., data from institutional research, market trends and disciplinary trends).
 - CWAAC recommends that programs conducting program reviews meet with a campus assessment expert (e.g., CWAAC chair, School Assessment Chair or Library Assessment Coordinator) to help with reviewing assessment data developed by the program and provided by Institutional Research.
 - CWAAC recommends that programs starting the program review process meet with programs that have already conducted their program review.
 - CWAAC will communicate some questions to Provost Gaulden
 - Will programs be able to forego traditional outcomes assessment through the entire program review process, particularly if the program review extends beyond one academic year?
 - When are various programs conducting their program reviews?
- CWAAC finalized 2020-2021 assessment workshop topics and will attempt to coordinate with appropriate groups on campus.
 - Creating Student Learning Outcomes and Curriculum Mapping
 - Several members of CWAAC reported that some programs are having issues with curriculum mapping
 - CWAAC also learned of some ARC-related outcome and curriculum map questions
 - CWAAC decided that the CWAAC chair will work with CWAAC Member and ARC Representative Christina Connor to see if ARC would like to co-sponsor an outcomes and curriculum mapping workshop.
 - Joint GECCo - CWAAC sessions on General Education Assessment (Yes..)
 - The GECCo Chair agreed and will discuss this with GECCo.
 - Contract Majors & Small Programs
 - CWAAC decided to reach out directly to contract major coordinators to determine their needs ahead of this workshop.
 - The CWAAC chair will attempt to coordinate the workshop with FRC to encourage other small programs to attend.
 - Using Indirect Assessment for Program Improvement (Spring)

- CWAAC agreed to create New Assessment Coordinator Resources and add it to the Assessment manual.
- Newsletter & Website Updates
 - The CWAAC Chair provided an update on both and asked for any additional contributions based on fall 2021.
- School & Program Updates
 - The ASB representative asked for assistance in assessing part of their school core (Foundational Knowledge) in the capstone course using Canvas.
 - Sarah Carberry (the GECCo Chair) offered a suggestion about using a Canvas blueprint course.
 - CWAAC will help facilitate Canvas resources to address this issue by reaching out to Michael Bitz about Ramapo resources as well as the possibility of arranging a tech support meeting with Canvas.
- MSCHE Webinar Recap (Exemplars of Assessment in Higher Education Panel Discussion) & Future Webinar Options
 - The Chair presented a summary of the webinar and provided additional information about future webinars.
- The Interim Provost shared a continuing desire to both involve more faculty in assessment leadership positions and encourage existing assessment leaders to gain additional training.
 - There is money to send a few faculty members to the Middle States Conference in December.
 - The Interim Provost also highlighted that it is possible to become peer evaluators for MSCHE.
- The CA Representative asked about changing program outcomes in the catalog.
 - The Representative will send any changes to the CWAAC Chair who will send the updates to the Registrar.