

COMMITTEE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING

MINUTES

Date: February 28, 2022

Chair: Dr. Gary Yarbrough

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Recorder: Dr. Gary Yarbrough

In Attendance

Michael Fisher, Dr. Jamie Frakes, Brenda Holifield, Dr. Keith McClanahan, Ryan Perkins, Shauna Winchester, and Dr. Gary Yarbrough

Establishment of Quorum/Welcome & Announcements

Dr. Yarbrough called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

Dr. Yarbrough gave an update on the use of Brightspace for ILO assessment. Ken arranged training with a Brightspace representative and some faculty have attended. Work is currently underway to add all CLOs to Brightspace. Brightspace will allow mapping of ILOs to course assignments and facilitate data collection.

Dr. Yarbrough gave an update on the Arkansas Association for the Assessment of Collegiate Learning (AAACL). In the past, CASL members have been very active in attending both the fall and spring AAACL conferences. During the pandemic, the AAACL became less active and no updates have been offered since September 2021. Dr. Yarbrough will notify the committee when the AAACL offers new training opportunities.

Approval of Prior Minutes

The committee reviewed and voted to approve the minutes from the December 2021 meeting.

Associate of General Studies Program Learning Outcomes

Ryan Perkins, Dean of Arts & Sciences, presented the program learning outcomes for the Associate of General Studies degree (A.G.S.). The A.G.S. will have a PLO for each concentration area in addition to the PLOs shared with the Associate of Arts degree. Mr. Perkins described the collaborate process used within the Division of Arts & Sciences to define the A.G.S. learning outcomes. Ken Barton and Brenda Holifield also provided assistance for the A.G.S. concentration areas of computer technologies and pre-allied health, respectively. After different groups of faculty generated suggestions for each concentration area, the division merged together the suggestions. The faculty generated a specific PLO for each concentration area. Rubrics are currently in development for each new PLO.

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The committee discussed assessment of the A.G.S. PLOs. Due to limited enrollment in the A.G.S., the PLOs shared for the A.A. and A.G.S. will be assessed together. Additionally, faculty will separately assess the PLOs for each A.G.S. concentration area. Brenda Holifield noted that the data for the pre-allied health concentration would be most likely to come from medical terminology courses. Ryan Perkins noted that these PLOs would be added to the ANC website asap.

Division Assessment Updates:

Brenda Holifield, Dean of Allied Health, gave an update for assessment in the Division of Allied Health. Meetings have been held with each program director and work is under way to complete all required assessment reports. These are being added to the Allied Health section of the Assessment Tab in the ANC Portal. Work in progress will be labeled as “pending.” Currently, there has been a focus on updating the repository for assessment reports. An additional assessment meeting is planned for the division after the HLC site visit. Allied Health uses three formats for assessment reports and these are directed by third party accreditors. Nursing has shifted to the format required by ACEN. The committee also discussed graduate surveys and the division is currently working with Ken Barton to increase response rates.

Ryan Perkins, Dean of Arts & Sciences, gave an update for assessment in the Division of Arts & Sciences. Subcommittee meetings for all courses scheduled for assessment in Cycle 1 Phase 5 have been underway. Faculty are using previous assessment results to adjust the criteria for success when courses are assessed again in assessment cycle two. Mr. Perkins reported on assessment for the education programs, including assessment of PLOs and CLOs. Kim Hart is currently working to develop students’ critical thinking skills through anchor papers. A division meeting is planned after the HLC site visit.

Jamie Frakes, Dean of Allied Technologies, gave an update for assessment in the Division of Allied Technologies. Courses scheduled for assessment in cycle one phase five are currently being examined. A division meeting is planned after the HLC site visit.

Other Business:

Dr. McClanahan asked the committee members to attend the academic affairs/assessment meeting in person during the HLC site visit. Dr. McClanahan also discussed the team’s questions about the Aviation Program Review and additional evidence requested by the HLC peer review team.

Ryan Perkins made a motion to adjourn seconded by Shauna Winchester. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 4:00 p.m.