

Senate Assessment Council Meeting: 3/8/2022

Attendance: Cara Berg (chairperson), Heejung An, Valeriya Avdeev, Megan Conrad, Sue Gerber, Arnold Lewis, Daryl Moore

Start: 1:05pm

Approval of minutes

- Spring 2021 Survey Results will be presented at April 12th Faculty Senate Meeting. Cara will send out draft of report (again).
- NSSE/FSSE Task Force Report Discussion:
 - Cara noted that the council has been charged to focus on the quantitative reasoning deficit of our seniors. Cara plans to schedule meeting with Kara to discuss the report and the charge. Cara asked would the entire council like to be present in said meeting. The council agreed that all should be present. Cara suggested that the council is supposed to address what we think should be done about this issue (not analyze the report).
 - Megan raised questions about the measurement of the indicators in the report. Also what types of questions should we address regarding student quantitative reasoning?
 - Heejung inquired whether it is the task for this group to take action or to suggest other groups to take action based on the council's recommendations.
 - Sue presented the definition of quantitative reasoning and literacy in the NSSE data (posted in the group chat).
 - Megan inquired about the role of this council versus other stakeholders – noting that we need clarity on the charge. Discussion followed on this point. It was concluded that we need to consult with Kara about what outcomes are expected from the council.
- Discussion of The EAB report – (a new charge for the council)
 - Cara, Sue and Megan attended the EAB meeting. Cara briefed the council on the content of that meeting. Meeting covered EAB documents. Cara summarized the documents that EAB presented and noted the data would be posted for the university community at later date. It was suggested that program review could go from 7/10 yrs to 3 yrs and such processes should take advantage of the EAB data (instead of reinventing the wheel). Megan seconded this position.
 - Cara noted that the council will likely be charged with reviewing the program review manual (likely sometime next year).

- Questions emerged about how often EAB data is updated/available and what are the terms under which we can access them as a resource.
- Daryl noted usage of EAB is based on university consultant contract.
- Megan pulled up the contract terms of EAB relationship with the university and noted that it is likely a 4yr contract.
- A discussion of the history of the university relationship with EAB ensued. It was noted this is a fairly new relationship.

➤ Closing points

- Daryl noted that we need to circle back to our administrative rep (Sandy Hill) to discern what is expected of this group (in terms of outcomes).
- Cara will follow up with Chair/VC of Senate regarding what is expected of this group in regards to EAB. Plans to forward any communications from Faculty Senate, Kara or Sandy to the council in advance of the next meeting to assist preparation. Cara noted an additional charge of the council – DFW courses – and will also reach out to Chair /VC of Senate about this expectation.
- Cara plans to invite Kara to join the next meeting of the council.
- It was noted that the last meeting of this council will likely occur a week after faculty senate presentation (April 12) – approx. April 19 etc.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:40pm