



Core Objectives Assessment Team (COAT)

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017

4:00 PM, CHEC – 225

- Introduction of new co-chair
 - Kerry introduced Irene Bowen as the new COAT Co-Chair. Her term will begin in January.
- Assignment repository
 - Kerry explained the plan for the new Assignment Repository. This would be a resource for Professors who need ideas for good assignments to meet the COAT criteria.
 - A message will be sent to Professors who have had successful assignments in the past asking if they would be willing to share their assignment on the repository.
- Information and update from Dr Hardesty
 - Dr Hardesty spoke about the new General Ed Steering Committee Membership.
 - He brought a list of questions to CAB for their consideration. These would be answered by all departments wanting to add a course to the core.
 - He would like to see COAT represented better on Development days. His hope is to improve communications and provide more outreach about the COAT mission.
 - He proposed a table that showed how assignments aligned with the Core Objectives.
 - A question came up about their intent to go backwards through the current Core Courses. Dr. Hardesty said that probably should be done, but it wasn't the immediate intent.
 - Another question came up about professors who do different assignments during assessment years. There was some discussion about how to insure that the Core Objectives are always covered in the classroom.
 - Dr. Hardesty asked what had been heard in Faculty Meetings about the Continuous Improvement plans. The answers indicated some inconsistencies in the message.
 - Dr. Hardesty wants more participation on Assessment days. He also mentioned the change in the make-up of submitted artifacts. Some departments are submitting larger proportions of the total number.
- Other Business
 - Rachel asked for some housekeeping information. She would like anyone who is not new on the team to confirm their service term.

- Going forward all terms will be 3 years. There will be changes to the handbook to reflect this.
 - Meeting dates for Spring:
 - January 8 at 3 (Faculty Development Week)
 - Tuesday Feb. 20 4:00 PM
 - Monday Mar. 19 4:00 PM
 - Tuesday April 17 4:00 PM
 - The Spring 2018 Assessment days were set:
 - Wednesday, May 30, 2018 9:00 AM
 - Thursday, May 31, 2108 9:00 AM
- **Next COAT meeting:** Sub-Committee Meeting – December 4th – 4:00 PM