



# Core Objectives Assessment Team (COAT)

## Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2018  
4:00 PM, CHEC 225

1. **Minutes** – The minutes were approved as presented.
2. **Assessment schedule** – Irene presented a proposal to change the current assessment cycle from a 2 year cycle to a three year cycle. This will ensure that the assessment days are limited to two and will also have courses assessed less often.  

Support was expressed for this idea but the question about the Administration point of view was raised. There was a concern that the effort to communicate the importance of teaching the CORE objectives in all CORE courses every semester would lose momentum if the assessment was less frequent.

SACS requirements were also mentioned. They like two full assessment cycles for reports. There would not be two full cycles for the five year report but would be 3 full cycles for the 10 year report.
3. **Assignment review** – Several assignments were submitted for review. There were few enough that Rachel and Irene were able to handle the review. The hope is that in the future there will be more submitted and they asked that anyone willing to help with the review let them know.
4. **Assignment depot** – This will be a repository of assignments, across the curriculum, that faculty can access as example of well aligned assignments. The plan is to ask Discipline Leads to solicit these assignments from their faculty who are willing to share. The request would include asking the faculty to say why they feel this assignment is well aligned. This comment and any comment from the COAT reviewers would be included with the assignment on the Depot. This project is also looking for COAT members willing to help.
5. **Rubrics** – Levi gave an explanation for a major revision in the Social Responsibility rubric.
  - a. Social Responsibility assesses 10% lower than the other objectives. This could be the results of a poorly written rubric.
  - b. The current rubric uses language that is confusing and makes it difficult to score at a 3 – the benchmark. He mentioned the words cultures, fully and institutions as three examples.
  - c. The current rubric has a lack of multi-disciplinary awareness.

A proposed rubric change patterned after the rubric from UofH was provided. He felt that this rubric better captures the spirit of the state's objectives and ports more naturally to different disciplines.

A deadline of March 2<sup>nd</sup> was set for comment. The sub-committee will meet again and consider all the comments.
6. **Next COAT meeting: March 19, 2018 / 4:00 PM / CHEC 225**