

Assessment Leadership Team Minutes

9am, December 15th, 2017, Rankin Hall Conference Room 245

Members Present: Armstrong, Arvin, Dhome, Herrington-Perry, Myers, Sare

Members Absent: Baker, Donlan, Harder, Maurer, Paterson, Powers

1. Call to Order

Herrington-Perry called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

2. Thanks and farewell to Bhagya!

Bhagya graduates on Saturday and will be moving to Indianapolis to continue her job search. Members thanked her for her service and wished her well.

3. Review and approval of the 12.0117 minutes

Arvin moved and Sare seconded the motion to approve the minutes, which subsequently were approved with one abstention.

4. Discussion of the January 12th Assessment Council meeting

Since there are no pressing items for this agenda, members agreed to cancel the January 12th meeting.

5. Discussion of the usefulness of completing a detailed analysis of the sample of MSC critical thinking artifacts

Herrington-Perry previously distributed eight of the ISU critical thinking artifacts submitted to the MSC project, two that scored at each level, 4, 3, 2, 1. She asked members to review them briefly to determine whether a full-scale analysis of their strengths and weaknesses would provide actionable information for the University College Council. She already has shared the numerical results in conjunction with rubric criteria. Is there additional information that would be helpful?

Consensus was that rather than offer faculty more specifics about students' critical thinking abilities, we would serve them better by providing them with examples of good critical thinking assignments, delivered in a workshop in the FCTE that also offered instruction on how to help students develop an argument based on solid critical thinking skills, step by step.

6. Updates from council members

Arvin noted that some librarians have been confused about their role in assessment, particularly since most do not instruct students directly. She and Herrington-Perry reworked the Student Learning Summary Form so that it was more applicable to the kind of assessment library units do. Arvin also modified the Assessment Roles and Responsibilities document to include librarians. Last, she is waiting to hear back from Stephen Patton about the artifact repository.

Herrington-Perry contacted Dr. Peterson about her absences from the Assessment Council. She replied that she had a conflict this semester but plans to return in the spring. She also noted that Karen Evans and Dennis Ballard will join the ALT on January 19th to talk about combining the Student Success and the Student Learning Summary Reports. Powers will give members a charge, equip them with the requisite report documents, dates, etc., and set them on their way.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am. The Team meets next on January 19th at 9:15am in the usual place.

Upcoming Events:

- January 19th, Assessment Leadership Team, 9:15 am, Rankin 245
- February 2nd, Assessment Leadership Team, 9am, Rankin 245
- February 8th, Crafting an Effective Survey, 12pm, FCTE (Lindsey Eberman)
- February 9th, Assessment Council, 9am, Federal Hall Room 222
- February 16th, Assessment Leadership Team, 9am, Rankin 245
- March 2nd, Assessment Leadership Team, 9am, Rankin 245
- March 9th, Assessment Council, 9am, Federal Hall Room 222
- March 8th at 11am and March 21st at noon, How to Write an Exemplary Student Learning Summary Report (MHP)
- April 6th, Assessment Leadership Team, 9am, Rankin 245
- April 13th, Assessment Council, 9am, Federal Hall Room 222
- April 20th, Assessment Leadership Team, 9am, Rankin 245
- April 25th at 10am, Assessment Readiness and the Higher Learning Commission (Kirk Armstrong and MHP)
- May 4th, Assessment Leadership Team, 9am, Rankin 245

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