

ACCREDITATION & ASSESSMENT COUNCIL
MEETING
Wednesday, September 21, 2016

MINUTES

Present: Barbara Wheeling, Kathe Gabel, Joe Oravec, Paul foster, Cliff Coppersmith, Diane Duin, Christine Shearer, Megan Thomas, Joann Stryker, Michael Barber, Andrew Sullivan, Matthew Redinger.

1. Progress on Standards 1, 3, 4, and 5

Standard 1: Brent Roberts will be replaced by Megan Thomas on the subcommittee committee. Work will begin in earnest.

Standard 2: Still receiving updates to the Year 3 Report. Anticipated end-of-calendar-year update. All's well.

Standard 3: Needs update on Strategic Plan progress for an effective Standard 3 report. Redinger to send reminder.

Standards 4 and 5: Subcommittee meetings scheduled, and work progresses reading and reviewing the state of Standard 4 and Standard 5 reports submitted by other institutions.

2. The *Raison D'Être* of the AAC

The AAC has accepted that they will be taking a larger role in reviewing and approving programmatic annual reviews, particular in annual assessment reports. This will require a revision of the membership of the council. Council needs to represent all divisions—requiring more representations by Student Affairs and at least some representation from Administrative Services. Moreover, it will require a revision of the by-laws to position AAC as approving body for assessment reports (not currently in by-laws).

Most work was centered on Strategic Plan indicators. The AAC reviewed each indicator, and recommended changes to evidence of “Cultivating Teaching Excellence” to include some measure from DRTC reports of faculty who have demonstrated “teaching excellence” as spelled out in the CBA. Changes/modifications to indicators is a sign of a dynamic institution refining what it measures.

Baseline for measuring progress: 2011-2013. Will need through 2017 for Y7R.

Will need to review CCSSE and NSSE data as they apply to the indicators.