



Assessment Committee Harry S Truman College

Chair – Jen Asimow

Vice-Chair – Maeve Massini

Secretary/Archivist - Katie Ediger

Minutes for March 23, 2023

2:00-3:00 PM

Present: Jen Asimow, Harry Sdrails, Kimberly Dismuke, Scott Cummings, Allison Zures, Madi Johnson, Andrew Kerr, Brandon Bumstead, Zebedee Woods, Maeve Masini, Carlesheia Dixon, Rich Keitel, Rahm Almarzah, Katie Ediger

Apologies: Ana King

1) The meeting was called to order at 2PM.

2) Review of and Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2023. Allison moved to approve, Brandon Seconded. Minutes approved.

3) Unit/Department-Level Assessment –Updates

A. Biology–Harry Sdrails: The biology department has agreed to complete a study that uses pre and posttests. These will be administered in Bio 114 (for non-majors) and Bio 121 (for majors). These do not count for student grades. The test has 50 questions which cover the student learning outcomes. They want to know the answers to the following questions.

a. How much science knowledge are students coming to Truman with?

b. What kinds of things can we do to bridge the gaps that come up?

They will be looking at learning gains for individual students as well as aggregate gains.

The committee asked: Is this a new assessment? This had been done in the past and stopped happening (probably because of Covid). It's time to start looking at this again. Where did the assessment come from? Department wrote it.

4) Chair's Updates: Jen Asimow

A. Inquiry and Analysis – Development of Tool updates

1. Completion of Tool – **DUE: March 31, 2023**

A group met to work on the questions and did major edits. Jen divided the questions to review before Spring Break. Katie and Jen - social media question, Brandon

and Madi - food desert question, Harry - Spray cleaner question, Andrew and Maeve – crosswalk question.

B. Newsletter –

DUE: March 31, 2023. Please send your submissions to Katie Ediger

C. Assessment Year – End Report - Reminder to provide an update for the Year-End Report. This can be an overview of your department/unit's assessment activities over the past year.

D. Review of the [Committee's Charge and By-Laws](#). Please review these documents and be prepared to offer edits/updates by our next meeting. We will vote on the proposed changes at the second meeting in April. Maeve sent out the deliverables for unit assessment. The plan is to incorporate these into the committee bylaws which we will then vote on.

5) General Education Updates/Report: Brandon

A. What do we want to ask about the data? Brainstorm. Some hiccups with the materials submitted for the oral assessment. We have started to work with the data from the assessment. We may need some additional readers. Brandon will reach out if he needs additional help. Encountered additional issues with the data- in part with Brightspace. What do we want to know from the data? Brandon has started a document with ideas for what we are hoping to ask the data: [Questions to ask the Data.docx](#)

6) Unit/Department-Level Assessment –Updates

B. Business-Kimberly Dismuke: Their department has begun evaluating their programs and will begin thinking about assessing learning after.

6) AOB

Meeting adjourned at 2:57

Respectfully submitted by Katie Ediger