

Message From Carrie Nepstad to HWC Shared Governance Meeting on 10/26/2017

The Harold Washington College Assessment Committee (AC) is an interdisciplinary faculty team that maintains an annual cycle of assessment in order to collect, analyze, and disseminate relevant student learning data to offer recommendations to the greater faculty and administration with the overall goal of improving student learning outcomes.

The committee consists of faculty officers, at least one faculty representative from each department and at least one representative from Academic Affairs. It meets weekly on Wednesdays from 3-4 pm in room 1046. All meetings are open and all members of the HWC community are welcome to attend without invitation. Cookies are offered on a first come, first served basis!

Assessment Committee updates:

1. In General Education, we are currently collecting data for the Quantitative Reasoning assessment. At the same time, we are analyzing data from the Humanities assessment which was administered last year. In addition, later this semester, we will be disseminating the final report for the Natural Sciences assessment. Our most recent reports for Online Learning and Information Literacy can be found on the AC website along with all of our past reports, documents, newsletters, and meeting minutes.
2. In Unit Assessment, each of the ten academic departments are involved in various stages of assessment (see framework and stages of assessment on website). All ten liaisons did presentations during the HWC Faculty Development week in August and they are currently preparing articles for the upcoming issue of the Assessment Times newsletter.
3. In Online Learning, Jen Asimow presented results from the survey administered last year. The report is located on our website. The next stage of work is to explore specific courses that offer both face-to-face and online sections that share common assessments.
4. In program assessment, Paul Wandless has been meeting with departments that offer programs to explore and document how program level assessment is currently being done at HWC.
5. A new ad hoc committee has been formed to explore Civic Engagement as a general education student learning outcome. This is an exploratory committee with interdisciplinary membership including administration to consider Civic Engagement and how it relates to our mission at the college level and to our role in assessment. We are considering a partnership with co-curricular assessment practices such as in Student Services and other areas of the college.
6. The committee has been working closely with partners on campus including CAST for professional development and the HLC Criterion Chairs in preparation for accreditation
7. AC leadership meets with Armen and Vincent every other week to discuss updates on a regular basis. In addition, Carrie attends Department Chairs meetings regularly.

This is a snapshot of what the committee is currently doing. A core component of our philosophy is that assessment of student learning is faculty-driven, and administratively supported. Our committee is a group that, at its core, operates in the spirit of shared governance. We look forward to exploring how the committee can further contribute to the shared governance process for the college.

thank you - Carrie Nepstad, Assessment Committee Chair

The web page can be found on the HWC website under "academics/resources".
<http://www.ccc.edu/colleges/washington/departments/Pages/Assessment.aspx>