The University Assessment Panel (UAP) meeting was held on Friday, 5 November 2010, at 10:00am in Altgeld 203.

Welcome

Cassidy welcomed Nora Lindvall as the new undergraduate student on the UAP, and also announced that Shane Schellpfeffer will be attending the UAP meetings as a Canon Fellow working with Amy Franklin in Planning and Assessment.

Status Reports for the School of Nursing and Health Studies

The status reports for the B.S./M.S. programs in Nursing, both with funding requests, were discussed. The chair of the department, Brigid Lusk, was on hand to answer questions and discuss the progress of assessment in the department. Funding for each program was discussed. Funds of $1,980 were requested for the B.S. in Nursing program to cover costs associated with the review of clinical data on student learning collected from the Human Patient Simulations Laboratory. The request was approved up to the amount requested. Funds of $1,980 were requested for the M.S. in Nursing program to cover costs associated with the development of a final internship assessment. A motion was made to request more information about how the money will be spent. Panel members suggested a rubric rather than a questionnaire might be more useful.

Status Reports for the School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders

The status reports for the B.S./M.A. in Communicative Disorders and the Doctor of Audiology, all with funding requests, were discussed. The chair of the department, Sue Ouellette, as well as Professor Deborah Gough and Associate Dean Mary Pritchard, were on hand to answer questions and discuss the progress of assessment in the department. Funding for the programs was discussed. Funds of $5,000 were requested for the programs. A motion was made to request more information from the department.

Assessment Funding Report from the Department of Management

The report on implementation of a capstone course was discussed and everyone agreed it was well written. There was a motion to receive it and the motion was approved. Some UAP members suggested if it could be put on the OAS website as a model for funding reports. Douglass said she would look into that and let the members know at the next meeting.

Report on University Writing Project

An overview of the report on the University Writing Project (UWP) was presented by Brian Lance. For this project, course-embedded writing assignments were evaluated by faculty from the Department of English using the standardized rubric presented in the report. Student Writing Samples of high and low achievement were shared with the UAP members. More writing samples will be made available on the
OAS website. There are samples of papers for all subscales showing below expectations, met expectations, and exceeds expectations. The report presents data broken down by college and subscales. The subscale, presentation, remains an area of concern.

A question was raised about whether data have been examined over time and if students’ writing is improving. The OAS office will be looking into that.

**Expo 2011 Nominations**

Ten programs have been nominated for participation in the 2011 Assessment Expo. The areas to be highlighted at the roundtable discussions this year are the use of rubrics, external assessments, and College Wide Assessment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The 19 November 2010 meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 December 2010 from 10:00 – 12:00 in Lowden 304.