UNIVERSITY ASSESSMENT PANEL

Notes from Meeting of
20 February 2015

The University Assessment Panel (UAP) meeting was held on Friday, 20 February 2015, at 10:00 am in Altgeld 203.

Announcements

Chris Parker reminded the group that the 2015 Assessment Expo will be coming up on Friday, March 20, 2015 in the HSC Sky Room. The theme this year is Collaboration Matters in Assessment.

Status Report for University Libraries

The status report for the University Libraries was discussed. Patrick Dawson, Dean, University Libraries, was on hand to discuss the report and answer any questions the group may have had. Feedback will be sent to the program.

Dawson explained that when an individual publishes and signs the publishing agreement, they can strike out the part in the clause that states that they are turning over copyright to the publisher and, in that way can retain ownership of the intellectual property being published. Legally nothing says that an author has to turn over copyright to the publisher. If you do turn copyright over to the publisher you lose all ownership of your intellectual property. You can’t post your article to Blackboard and you can’t disseminate your article through email because you are violating the copyright that you gave away.

2014 Program Review Report

Carolinda Douglass talked about the 2014 Program Review Report and gave the history of the report. This year there are no follow up reports related to assessment. This report goes to the Board of Trustees and it goes to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Academic and Academic Support Unit Checklists and Rubrics

Chris Parker talked about the checklists and rubrics that were revised at the end of last year and that we have been using this year. The Office of Assessment Services is looking for feedback on the checklists and rubrics and how they can be improved for the future. If you have any suggestions on how the rubrics and/or checklists can be improved please email the Office of Assessment Services and let us know.

Other Business

Steve Wallace mentioned that we are starting to plan for the 2015 Fall Speaker and if anyone has any suggestions on topics please let us know. So far the topics we have are portfolios, alignment of accreditation in assessment, and efficient program assessment. The group showed interest in the last two suggestions and how they could tie into program prioritization.
Carolinda Douglass briefly talked about Program Prioritization and she will discuss it more and give an update at the next meeting. If you do have any specific questions please email Carolinda Douglass or Crystal Doyle and we can try and address them at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 March 2015 in Altgeld 203 at 10:00 a.m.