

UAP Meeting  
Friday, January 20, 2023  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Altgeld 203

**Members**

**Present:** Therese Arado, Hamid Bateni, Dennis Brown, Hasan Ferdowsi, Nicholas Grahovec, Linda Matuszewski, Beth Moxley, Nestor Osorio, Tawanda Paul, Jason Rhode, Ursula Sullivan, John Siblik, Peitao Zhu, and Carrie Zack.

1. Meeting was called to order by Jason Rhode at 10:03a.m.
2. Minutes approved for 11/18/22 and 12/2/22 (motion made by Therese Arado and seconded by Nicholas Grahovec; Hamid Bateni and Dennis Brown abstained).
3. Status report feedback
  - Philosophy B.A./B.S. – members would like the learning outcomes to be more understandable by a general audience (i.e. less complicated). They commended the program for updating their assessment plan to reflect current concerns. The program may consider focusing its program targets on percentages of students meeting the threshold as opposed to averages. Overall the program does a good job of closing the loop. It may consider adding employer information. They may also look at their grad school entrance acceptance rates (similar to M.A.).
  - Philosophy M.A. – the program may clarify their sample sizes (e.g. does it reflect the total number of students in the program or a subsample of the students). The program uses mostly course-embedded methods. It may add other types of methods for triangulation. Clarification on the curriculum map would be helpful (e.g. some courses begin with proficiency but end with developing). Perhaps the perspective was from a course level as opposed to program level.
4. Old Business –
  - Bylaw’s revision – The library changes were removed from the updates per the library Dean’s request. The other changes were submitted to Pat Erickson to be reviewed and approved by Faculty Senate.
  - Student representation –
    - Members were asked to submit student names to Tawanda/Carrie. AAE will e-mail an invitation to the students and ask them for their statement of interest. These statements will be submitted for vote at the next meeting.
  - Co-curricular assessment
    - Carrie presented an overview of HLC’s definition of co-curricular assessment along with a few examples of definitions by other universities. A draft of a potential NIU definition was presented for discussion.
    - Jason asked for volunteers to continue to work on the definition with Carrie for the next meeting. Ursula and Teresa will assist. Jason suggested that the group ask their colleagues for input as well.
5. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. (Motion made by Therese Arado and seconded by John Siblik).

Meeting adjourned at 10:59am  
Next meeting Friday, February 3, 2023