

UAP Meeting
Friday, March 3, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Altgeld 203

Members

Present: Hamid Bateni, Dennis Brown, Kristy Chorostecki, Hasan Ferdowsi, Nicholas Grahovec, Michaela Holtz, Linda Matuszewski, Nestor Osorio, Tawanda Paul, Bethany Rohl, Ursula Sullivan, and Carrie Zack.

Guest: Alicia Schatteman

- Meeting was called to order by Carrie Zack at 10:00a.m.
- Minutes approved for February 3, 2023 (motion made by Nicholas Grahovec and seconded by Hamid Bateni).
- Presentation/update from Alicia Schatteman, Gen Ed chair.
 - Preliminary work is happening with the long-term aim of building toward assessment. For instance, department chairs have been asked to examine their general education courses' alignment with the student learning outcomes for the general education domains. The chair encourages UAP college reps to help allay fears of upcoming changes, as the goal is not to eliminate general education courses, but to work with chairs to ensure a good fit. The General Education Committee would like to work together toward a healthy assessment process once the program and courses are reviewed. Once the new AVP of Assessment and Accreditation is in place, the assessment plan will be developed in collaboration.
 - Carrie provided a summary of the meetings with the following programs to review feedback from UAP.
 - Philosophy was able to share program's context including fluctuations in faculty and student body. They were in agreement with tweaking the public-facing learning outcomes to promote more clarity for a larger audience.
 - B.A./B.S. in Philosophy – Meeting held on 2/24/2023
 - M.A. in Philosophy – Meeting held on 2/24/2023
 - Chemistry shared that their resources are mostly allocated to doctoral students since that's the majority of their student body. Also, they will add an introduction to their report as suggested. There was a discussion about the student learning outcome for teaching assistants since it is not tied to curricular learning. UAP members suggested moving this to co-curricular assessment. The program may also add it as an independent study course for their teaching assistant so it can be added to the curriculum.
 - M.S. in Chemistry – Meeting held on 2/27/2023
 - Ph.D. in Chemistry – Meeting held on 2/27/2023
- Old Business –
 - ByLaws update –
 - At the last meeting, Jason presented an additional suggestion made regarding the UAP membership, which is to add instructors to the list of UAP members. The members agreed with the suggestion and preferred to revisit the language to be more inclusive. Jason drafted an update and presented it during the meeting. In today's meeting, the members reviewed and discussed the changes and vote on the updated version. The members added another revision (i.e. instead of "at least one student," it was updated to read "one or two students, undergraduate or graduate").
 - The final changes were approved to be resubmitted to Faculty Senate (motion made by Hamid Bateni and seconded by Michaela Holtz).
 - Co-curricular discussion. A suggestion was made to ask if there are additional co-curricular activities when programs are completing their assessment plan. Carrie shared information from an HLC workshop that explained differences between co-curricular learning (i.e. supports learning within the curriculum) and extra-curricular learning (i.e. supports learning outside the curriculum). Members will review documents and continue discussion at the next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m. (Motion made by Nick Grahovec and seconded by Michaela Holtz).

Meeting adjourned at 11:01am
Next meeting Friday, April 7, 2023