

**Minutes for the  
Academic Program Assessment Committee Meeting**

August 29, 2018, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Olin Physical Science, 2<sup>nd</sup> fl. Conference Room

Attendance: Matthew Ruane (Chair), Munevver Subasi, Mark Archambault, CJ Colley, John Barranti, Bill Shoaff, Vanessa Edkins, Csaba Palotai, Henry Perez, Donna Wilt

Absent: Lyn Werner, Bill Rankin

- I. Approval of 08 August 2018 meeting minutes. (Approved)
- II. Old Business: CY 2013 Assessments needing revision will be put together and handed out in August 2018. The discussion was to continue to update any remaining programs but also to hold off any future revisions until the new assessment cycle completes in CY 2022-2023.
- III. Old Business: New WEAVE Update. A few corrections were to be submitted when the list was finalized. The chair announced that the completed list would be used to formalize the new computerized review document.
- IV. New Business: Additional Nominees for Action Plan Sub-Committee Members. First meeting is scheduled for early September. A few names were bandied about, but the committee agreed to talk to a few colleagues to solicit more members. The committee will now meet in October after Fall Break.
- V. New Business: Approval of GenEd DRC recommendation for defining Critical Thinking:  
*Critical thinking is the ability to arrive at a solution by using data and analysis to make logical connections between ideas.*

There was some discussion about the language and the work of the GenEd DRC in coming up with the language and how best to implement it in the future revisions of CT assessments. The chair asked that the finalized version be submitted via DRCs to their assessment coordinators. Suggested revisions were made and approved. The revised CT language currently stands as:

*Critical thinking is the ability to arrive at a solution and/or outcome by using data and analysis to make logical connections between ideas.*

- VI. New Business: Preliminary review of new WEAVE template. A series of suggestions were made to ask WEAVE administrators. These included a box for Outsider Reviewer comments. The general consensus of APAC, however, was that they would have to see the new WEAVE in its formal state to make further comments/suggestions.

- VII. Continued Business: 1) Assessment of Honors Courses; 2) Action Plan Revisions & Changes. One of the areas of assessment we have not been very good in following up with are action plans. As we are changing WEAVE we have the chance to develop new Action Plan rules and new global Assessment Questions. These will be discussed more at the next meeting in September.
- VIII. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 26 September 2018. Please have new items for review completed by 21 September. The chair emphasized that items for review should be submitted prior to meeting so the committee has a chance to look over the items and provided sufficient time for commentary.
- IX. Late September meeting agenda items: 1) Changes to existing assessments & usual business; 2) Additional WEAVE updates; 3) Continued Discussion of Assessment of Honors Courses
- X. Meeting times for the rest of the semester. All we be at 12-1pm, and will be held here in Olin Physical Science conference room. Dates: 26 September, 10 October, 31 October, 14 November, 28 November, 12 December (Xmas working meeting).
- XI. Action Items: Dr. Perez announced that there would be changes to his status on APAC. Dr. Chris Sonnenberg would be replacing him on APAC, while Dr. Alex Vamosi would be the interim rep on the GenEd DRC. However, he asked to remain on the mailing list for APAC.