

# General Education and Academic Assessment Committee Agenda

**March 9, 2017, 3 pm to 5 pm, O.A. Grant 394N**

In attendance: Dr. Andrew, Dr. Banker, Dr. Davidian, Dr. LaTouche, Dr. Lemmons, Dr. Nelson, Ms. Pack, Dr. Peak, Dr. Schenewark

Not present: Dr. Bauer, Dr. Becker, Dr. Drueckhammer, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Jones, Dr. Low, Dr. Loya, Ms. Newsome, Dr. Schwertner, Dr. Shao, Dr. Vuddandam

## 1. Discussion of the need for closing the loop

- Dr. LaTouche provided an overview of the closing the loop process. Then the committee discussed the importance of working with programs to help them more clearly communicate their loop closing processes and to encourage them to ‘tell their stories’ about how they are using assessment data to inform their action plans for program improvement.

## 2. Identifying key programs of interest

- The committee discussed Tarleton’s upcoming SACSCOC reaffirmation. As we ready ourselves for this process, the committee identified the need to identify programs most in need of assistance in order to facilitate comprehensive assessment improvement across the campus. The goal is to continue our work towards building a deep culture of assessment across all programs across campus.

## 3. Re-designing the Analysis questions

- To facilitate the issues discussed in points 1 and 2 above, the committee discussed the need to develop better annual analysis questions. The previous questions are historical artifacts that do not encourage the type of in-depth, comprehensive analysis that encourages programs to see their assessment activities in a holistic manner. The committee felt that revising these questions and aligning them with the model of analysis presented to program leaders as guidance for running their pre-semester assessment meeting would lead to better program responses and increase program engagement with their assessment activities. Dr. LaTouche will draft a set of new questions for presentation at the next GEAAC meeting.

## 4. Tarleton’s assessment calendar

- The committee reviewed the upcoming assessment calendar.

5. Carnegie Community Engagement Classification (due in Spring 2019)

[http://nerche.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=341&Itemid=92](http://nerche.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=341&Itemid=92)

- The committee discussed the Carnegie service initiative at Tarleton. Dr. LaTouche reviewed the work completed by the Carnegie Assessment Subcommittee.

6. SACSCOC reaffirmation (due in September 2019)

<http://www.sacscoc.org/>

- The committee was charged with continually reminding the faculty about the upcoming SACSCOC reaffirmation deadline and the need for program faculty to continuously maintain and improve their academic assessment processes in order to improve student learning.

7. Other

- There was no other business.

8. Communication

- Department Head Representatives and Associate Deans were charged with ensuring that assessment is a standard agenda item of each college's Department Head Meetings and that they share the assessment information discussed in these meetings during their respective Department Head Meetings within their college.