

Academic Assessment Committee

Minutes & Action Items (indicated in yellow highlighting)

November 14, 2012
10:30 a.m.
CII Computer Lab (TC 137)

1. Special Announcement

Gay Wakefield announced that the Public Relations & Event Management program launched two years ago is growing exponentially and no longer can be managed without offering more course sections. She has resigned the position of Director of Academic Assessment in favor of full-time teaching in PREM and announced that Jason LaTouche will become the University's Director of Academic Assessment effective the beginning January 1. Jason LaTouche's position as COLFA faculty coordinator on the AAC will be filled by Gay Wakefield beginning in January.

2. TAMUS Student-Learning Outcomes

As Tarleton's representative to the TAMUS task force that drafted SLO's to be implemented by all universities system-wide, Diane Taylor discussed what is expected of Tarleton in this initiative.

3. U. S. Department of Education requirements changes => more SACS requirement changes coming

More changes in the SACS-COC accreditation requirements are expected, in response to the new regulations put in place by the U. S. Department of Education earlier this year. Any specifics covered in the December SACS-COC conference will be shared with AAC members next semester.

4. Remind constituents to make WEAVE® entries/changes to missions, goals, SLO's, strategies, and measures, before 12/31 rollover to 2013-14 as "Future Year"

Be sure to share the following information with your constituents right away:

In the **WEAVEonline®** rollover scheduled for December 31, 2012, assessment plans entered for the 2012-13 academic year automatically will roll over to become the assessment plans for the 2013-14 academic year. After that time, 1) any change to this year's plan that also needs to apply to next year's plan must be designated to carry over to the next year before the change is saved, and 2) entries in drop-down menus need to be entered manually in both years. **For updates to ACTION PLANS:** Be sure to enter all updates in "Future Year" to assure rollover into future cycles.

5. 2012 Compliance Report

Campus wide, academic programs have slacked off tremendously since the urgency of the last SACS visit has passed.

The number of academic programs in full compliance was only 35% in 2009, just before SACS arrived, but now has dropped to just 2%. Diane Taylor is working with Karen Murray to address related issues with the deans.

Current Academic-Assessment Compliance

Findings (6/1/11– 5/31/12)	25% of academic programs “SACS-Satisfactory” 7% of departments “SACS-Satisfactory” This report sets the data baseline.
Action Plans (6/1/11– 5/31/12)	15% of academic programs “SACS-Satisfactory” 3% of departments “SACS-Satisfactory” 95% decline from 2009’s 58% departmental compliance
Analyses (6/1/11– 5/31/12)	14% of academic programs “SACS-Satisfactory” 3% of departments “SACS-Satisfactory” 94% decline from 2009’s 50% departmental compliance
Missions (2012-13)	77% of academic programs “SACS-Satisfactory” 76% of departments “SACS-Satisfactory” 4% decline from 2009’s 79% departmental compliance
Goals (2012-13)	68% of academic programs “SACS-Satisfactory” 59% of departments “SACS-Satisfactory” 9% increase from 2009’s 54% departmental compliance
SLO’s (2012-13)	68% of academic programs “SACS-Satisfactory” 48% of departments “SACS-Satisfactory” 45% increase from 2009’s 33% departmental compliance
Strategies (2012-13)	72% of academic programs “SACS-Satisfactory” 52% of departments “SACS-Satisfactory” 10% decline from 2009’s 58% departmental compliance
Measures (2012-13)	59% of academic programs “SACS-Satisfactory” 28% of departments “SACS-Satisfactory” 87% decline from 2009’s 63% departmental compliance
Triangulation (2012-13)	50% of academic programs “SACS-Satisfactory” 28% of departments “SACS-Satisfactory” This report sets the data baseline.
Curriculum Maps (2012-13)	61% of academic programs “SACS-Satisfactory” 45% of departments “SACS-Satisfactory” This report sets the data baseline.
Sustainability Matrices (2012-13)	42% of academic programs “SACS-Satisfactory” 24% of departments “SACS-Satisfactory” This report sets the data baseline.
All Rubrics Loaded (2012-13)	40% of academic programs “SACS-Satisfactory” 17% of departments “SACS-Satisfactory” This report sets the data baseline.

6. Spring Meetings—Please send spring schedules to Jason LaTouche.

7. Dept. Head Rep's—Please

- 1) update your college dean and all dept. heads on these items ASAP,
- 2) make sure all department heads and academic-program coordinators are in possession of the assessment-reminders checklist,
- 3) make sure that current checklist and deadlines are reviewed and discussed in every Department Head meeting
- 4) remind constituents that the latest assessment-schedule updates always are available at: www.tarleton.edu/academicassessment/assessment/timeline.html
- 5) remind constituents that the latest AAC minutes always are available at: www.tarleton.edu/academicassessment/committee/minutes.html