

UAC Meeting • Thursday, July 21, 2005

Present: Jane Richardson, Renee Devries, Xianhui Yang, Hannah Seoh, Noni Threinen, Mary Berg

Absent: Don Eggebrecht, Pat Casello, Kren McManus

I. Update on assessment tools in classes to date:

- Jane reported that she will be using a matrix to organize facts in on parasites.
 - This will be done in a lab period and a half next week.
 - Students will do it on their own with notes (last class)
- Mary reported on midterm and end of term evaluations from T8 and T9 students for Clinical Education.
 - This is used to gather information and do a review with the supervisor
 - These evaluations need to make known what the students are/ aren't learning in clinic- questions focusing on this need to be added to the form
- "Closing the Loop"- proof for assessment
- Xianhui stated that she is teaching a short course next term and will incorporate some sort of small assessment into it
- **ACTION ITEM:** Noni will talk to Don, Pat and Kren about what they have been doing with assessment in their courses and/or what they plan for next term
- **ACTION ITEM:** Round up Classroom Assessment Techniques books that were loaned out by Noni, putting them into the library collection as a reference available for all of the faculty to use.
- UAC was set up to give faculty something more concrete/more objective so collectively we can say we are doing what we are saying we're doing as a school.
 - Show how we can attach it to bigger goals
 - Need to make connection to university level
 - New way of thinking of how we do our work

II. Schedule for faculty presentations:

- **ACTION ITEM:** Shannon to email the Brown Bag presentation dates for the next term to UAC members with a request for them to reply via email.

III. Next Steps for the new term/academic year/ Brainstorm ideas/ Set plan:

- Where are the holes? What should we be doing?
 - Long term/ big picture= one aspect of Institutional Effectiveness (best practices, Assessment, CI- staff)
 - UAC is part of a much bigger picture- strategic plan
- Strategic Plan- questions
 - What happened to the Plan? Status of it? Will it be used? Has it disappeared
 - Are we going to have to redo it?
 - Who put it together? (planning team)
 - When was it developed? (2-1/2 yrs ago)

- How does UAC connect to the plan?
 - Who cares about the Strategic Plan?
 - What would you do with it if you have a copy of it?
- Assessment fits into the Strategic Plan...as part of Institutional Effectiveness, academic IE is assessment
- IE Advisory Council has been set up and had first meeting (IE sounding board so we don't reinvent the wheel in this whole process)
- What do we need to do to promote assessment on the academic side to promote student learning? Is this the right make up for UAC? Do we need to invite others to make this work better?
- **ACTION ITEM:** Establish the "Bring a Friend" campaign to bring additional faculty members to our meetings, helping to get people engaged in assessment).

IV. Miscellaneous:

- Promote the LiveText seminar to faculty. It is scheduled for Friday, August 5 from 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

V. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 11, 2005 at 3 p.m. in the Fetzer.