

Ad Hoc Assessment Committee

2021-2022 · End of Year Report to the Executive Committee

Tom Mathews, Chair

1. Accomplishments of the committee.

Comments on and responses to charges for 2021-2022 are in italic.

1. Review the best practices and requirements at Weber State, across Utah Institutions and similar institutions nationally, and from accreditation organizations and review the biennial assessment evaluation rubric.

We reviewed regional and some national assessments and rubrics, mostly provided by Gail Niklasson. We made some minor changes to the assessment rubric used at Weber State as we prepared to use it this past year.

2. Establish a task force made up of representatives from each college to (a) help departments and programs prepare assessment reports, (b) communicate with each other and faculty about best practices in assessment.

In December, we called for faculty volunteers and put together a group to evaluate program biennial reports. This was approved by the Faculty Senate on Dec. 9, 2021. These volunteers met with several from the Assessment Committee for a training workshop on Jan 21, and then, in pairs, reviewed and evaluated the assessment reports. We did a follow up survey with the volunteers and a Zoom meeting to receive feedback on the process. (A list of the faculty volunteers is included in Appendix A).

In March we proposed that a Community of Practice be created in each college. This was approved by the Faculty Senate on March 17, 2022.

3. Ensure that the language of new or updated documents are inclusive. Review those documents to see how they may inadvertently impact particular communities in an adverse manner. As issues are identified, consult with EDI committee for guidance (Ongoing)

2. Number of Committee Meeting

We held seven committee meetings, plus a training workshop for faculty volunteers and a follow up meeting with that same group.

3. Attendance of Committee Members

Name		14-Sep	12-Oct	9-Nov	14-Dec	15-Feb	15-Mar	19-Apr
Shaun Adamson	LIB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kristen Hadley	ED	X	X	-	X	X	X	X
Kirk Hagen	EAST	X	X	X	X	-	X	-
Huiying Hill	SNS	X	X	X	X	X	-	X
Ollilainen, Marjukka	SBA	X	-	X	-	X	X	X
Tom Mathews	A&H	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Casey Neville	HP	X	X	X	X	-	X	X
Gail Niklason	OIE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Travis Price	HP	X	X	-	-	X	X	-
Seokwoo Song	B&E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Speicher, Stephanie	ED	X	X	X	X	X	X	-
Barbara Wachocki	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

4. Outstanding Committee Members

Several members stood out this year with exceptional service.

- Gail Niklason provided background information and a historical perspective. Notably, she prepared and facilitated the workshop and follow up for faculty volunteers.
- Kirk Hagen brought invaluable ideas and experience to the committee.

5. Subcommittee of special assignments

None

6. Charges from this year that should carry forward to next year.

None, specifically.

7. New charges

The new ongoing committee will have charges that have been described as approved by the Faculty Senate in March.

8. Suggestion for new directions

The Assessment Committee has the defined duty to establish the collegial Communities of Practice each spring and to ensure that the group of Faculty Volunteers meet to evaluate biennial assessment reports. Surely, with experience the process will be monitored and altered as necessary.

Appendix A

2021-2022 · Faculty Volunteers for Evaluation of Biennial Program Assessment Reports.

Shaun Adamson, Library
Tariq Arif, Mechanical Engineering
Nicole Beatty, Library
Craig Bergeson, Foreign Languages
Anne Bialowas, Communication
Jason Francis, Library
Lindsay Garr, Health Administrative Service
Kristin Hadley, Education
Cristine Jennings, Developmental Math
Gary Johnson, Political Science
Jason Manley, Visual Arts
Heather Merkley, Health Administration Service
Isabel Meusen, Foreign Languages
Alyssa Mock, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Sheryl Rushton, Teacher Education
Eric Smith, Business and Economics
Seokwoo Song, Business Administration
Shelley Thomas, English
Barbara Wachocki, Botany