

MINUTES
Program Review Committee
April 21, 2021
2:30 - 4:00 PM
Zoom meeting

Committee Member	Present	Absent
Anna Aboud	X	
Angela D'Amour	X	
Elizabeth Gardner	X	
Tim Loomer	X	
Tatiana Nazarenko	X	
Bill Nelson	X	
Diane Ziliotto	X	

Meeting start: 2:31pm

1. Prayer

2. Guest Presenter: Jana Mayfield Mullen, Library Director

Jana Mullen presented the proposed new language for the Information Literacy ILO. In preparation for next year's assessment of the ILO, Dr. Mullen has worked with her staff to update the language to better reflect the skills we wish our students to develop in this area. In the last 7 years information and the use of information has changed. The new proposed language would emphasize the skills to "strategically research, wisely evaluate, and ethically integrate sources in various contexts". These changes emphasize the shift and prevalence of varying news sources and how we use and respond to those sources of information.

Dr. Mullen asked for feedback from the committee: Does this version cover all of the academic divisions at the college? All course levels? Is it assessable?

3. Approval of PRC Minutes April 7, 2021

Minutes approved.

4. Status of the team reports: Bill and Elizabeth

Tatiana Nazarenko stated that she had seen a copy of the draft of the response to Chemistry's Six Year Report. The team will meet this week to scale back the number of recommendations (from 21 to something much more manageable), and the final report will be sent to the department and to Tatiana.

Elizabeth Gardner stated that the response to Math and CS is almost ready to go; it will be circulated among the team members on April 22, and after final edits, will then be sent to the department and to Tatiana.

Tatiana told the committee that she has been allotted two minutes at the April 23 Faculty Meeting to announce the best Annual Reports of this year. She asked the committee if she should also mention the best Six Year Report. The group advised her to do so.

5. Disaggregated departmental data to support equity and inclusion

Tatiana recently polled the academic departments to find out what kinds of data they would like to see to help them assess equity and inclusion. She heard back from several departments that asked for a variety of data.

The committee discussed requests for information regarding first generation students and race and ethnicity data. The problem is that this is all self-reported information and not always reliable. The college needs to develop definitions for these so that incoming students fully understand what the questions are asking. Angela D'Amour stated that Student Life is trying to address how students self-report. Student Success Coaches are consistently meeting with new students and have better opportunities to collect more accurate data.

The committee discussed several requests:

- Art department would like to see data on their students' debt load.
- Political Science department would like to know if their students attended public or private high schools.
- Theatre Arts would like to see results of any senior exit surveys done with their students.

The committee also discussed exit surveys in general. Angela D'Amour confirmed that students who leave the college without graduating are offered exit surveys, but it's up to the student to participate (and they don't always do so). Tim Loomer also said that in his experience, students have multiple reasons for leaving an institution, but may only offer one reason because they think it is least likely to be questioned.

Related conversation: so many students start out their first year intending to pursue STEM majors and then change. What prompts this? How do we collect this information?

Elizabeth Gardner also requested that we consider honor society memberships and break them down by race and gender.

To wrap up the discussion, Tatiana Nazarenko proposed that she, Tim Loomer, and Michelle Hardley need to examine all these specific requests for data over the summer and make some decisions about which data can be provided to the departments.

6. Other business

Tatiana thanked all of the committee members for their hard work during this completely unusual year, and wished everyone a good summer. Bill Nelson told the committee that he would not be returning next year, as he is retiring at the end of this semester after 35 years at the college. Everyone congratulated him and wished him the very best.

Meeting adjourned

At 3:34pm Diane Ziliotto