



Academic Quality Meeting

2012-2013 Academic Year

Meeting Date: April 2, 2013

Time: 12:30pm

Chair: Veronica (Ronni) Tichenor

Secretary: Valerie Fusco

Present: Ronni, Ron, Kazuko, Narayan, Joanne, Russ, Rafael

Absent: Doneilous, Mary, Valerie, Atlas, Suzanne, Doug, Ildiko

Guest: Carlie

1. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

2. Program Assessments –

Biology—Carlie

The committee felt the Biology program faculty had done an exceptional job in mapping program goals to Institute goals, and mapping student learning outcomes to program goals.

HIM

Relevant information was missing from the plan, notably the mapping program of goals to Institute goals, and mapping of student learning outcomes to program goals. The committee also felt that terms such as “satisfactory” teaching evaluations should be more precisely specified.

ET

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CBH

Committee felt the mapping was well done (though some additional courses need to be included). Encouraged explicit measurement/operationalization of terms like “sense of community” and “community engagement.”

3. Committee agreed that a second round of reviews of all program assessments would be necessary prior to the 2015 Middle State report and visit.

4. Ron reported on the accreditation process he participated in at the Uniformed Services Medical School in Bethesda, MD recently. The standards are in the process of being redrafted and reduced in number. The number of follow up actions has been high lately, so we should expect that some will be required of us. We must ensure that the institutional goals are being assessed at the institutional level

and not simply on a program-by-program basis. Finally, all courses must be regularly evaluated—not necessarily every time they run, but at least a discussion (debrief) about courses should occur each year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.