



Academic Quality Meeting Year

2012-2013 Academic

Meeting Date: Feb. 5, 2013

Time: 12:30 pm

Chair: Veronica (Ronni) Tichenor

Secretary: Veronica Tichenor

Present: Ronni, Ron, Atlas, Kazuko, Joanne, Suzanne, Doug, Russ, Rafael

Absent: Valerie, Mary, Narayan, Doneilous, Ildiko

1. The minutes from the December 2012 meeting were approved.
2. Doug Eich reported on the math assessment for the Learning Center. He asked for feedback from the group on the format of the report and the data presented. Currently, the report correlates the number of visits vs. grades received in the courses. Doug will work with Joanne to revise the student satisfaction survey, which will be administered to students visiting the Learning Center in the spring 2013 semester.

Discussion: Concern was raised that, in tracking the number of visits, the report might simply be capturing the more motivated students who would do well in the courses anyway. However, this assessment method does still answer the question of what value the math tutors may have added, even with strong(er) students.

3. The committee reviewed assessment plans for programs in the Computer Science Department, focusing on how courses map to program goals.

Discussion: Concern was raised over how much data to collect as part of assessment efforts, and whether all courses must be assessed each year. The consensus was that core courses should be assessed routinely, and electives on a rotating basis.

4. Joanne raised the question: How authentic is our assessment of our students? Meaning, can they do what we think they can do in the real world?

Discussion: Committee members shared ways in which they get feedback from individuals outside the institution on the strengths and weaknesses of our students, including using advisory board members to conduct mock interviews and review portfolios, and using outside reviewers to assess senior seminar papers.

Mar 2013 agenda to include review of additional program assessment plans.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M