Minutes of the Meeting of the Assessment Committee
Thursday, October 23, 2014 – 1:30 p.m.
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Present:  Interim Chair Daren Snider, Debbie Bridges, Julie Campbell, Aaron Estes, Angela Hollman, Rochelle Krueger, Janet Lear, Linda Lilienthal, Anita Lorentzen, Casey Schoenebeck, Ron Wirtz

Absent:  Karin Covalt, Peggy Ables, Kurt Borchard, Chandra Daffer, Tony Earls, Chris Jochum, Grace Mims, Scott Unruh

The meeting was convened at 1:32 and the agenda was approved by assent.

I. Open Items – none

II. New Business

1. General Studies assessment – Debbie Bridges, Director of General Studies

   Bridges gave an overview and update on General Studies assessment. The scheduled assessments will allow for collection of at least two data points by 2017-2018, as required by the Higher Learning Commission. Instruments and rubrics for assessing the GS Distribution categories of Aesthetics, Humanities, and Social Sciences are mostly complete. Work remains on creating or refining instruments and rubrics for Natural Sciences, Wellness, and Analytical & Quantitative Thought. Ad hoc teams of faculty in those Distribution areas are being convened to finish the remaining items.

2. Honors Program assessment – John Falconer, Director of Honors

   Falconer shared how assessment is carried out for the Honors Program and asked for input from the committee. Ideas included: the Honors assessment assignment should be evaluated using a rubric rather than the current rating scale; ask individual members of the assessment for help in wording some of the assessment questions; include some open ended questions on the assessment instrument.

III. Annual Reports

   Committee members noted that they had not been asked to read annual assessment reports from departments and programs in the past, but are willing to do so. Reports assigned to individual committee members would first by vetted by the Office of Assessment to make sure they are complete. A rubric can be used, as has been the case in past years.

IV. Other – none

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37. The next meeting date will be announced.