DSA Assessment Team Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2020


Absent: Kyle McCracken, Kelly Cox, Jana Corley

Guests: Maria Baez, Assistant Director, Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Evaluation

Welcome

Discussion:

• Equity-Minded Assessment—Susan
  o Susan defined equity-minded assessment, culturally-responsive assessment, socially just assessment, and critical assessment (See https://www.learningoutcomesassessment.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/A-New-Decade-for-Assessment.pdf). She shared a power point and the written report. The interactive Tableau dashboard is at: https://senate.tamu.edu/sully-statue-student-survey/. It is so important to bring in the student voice from the beginning.

• Quality Assessment Plans—Alyce
  o Updated 19-20 assessment manual, more FAQs and updated prompts (DSA doing well 😊): http://assessment.tamu.edu/Assessment/AEFIS?viewmode=0
  o November 1 will have reflection action items for you in AEFIS. You can see the questions in the manual, even though you can’t enter them yet.
  o Additional section for 19-20 cycle related to COVID-19. You can upload what you did for SLS earlier in the summer.
  o Reflections: involvement in the process as a collaboration in department, planning to administration to discussing results to taking action (e.g., department discussion, DSA Assessment Team). Future changes in the assessment process. Is it the right data? Is the data specific enough to guide changes (value, continuous improvement)?
  o Closing the loop: Might conceptualize it as a spiral, not circle. Prompts in the manual. 1. Discussion of previous data-informed actions, not necessarily just what was reported in AEFIS. Provide results and/or information to support changes. 2. Report new results. Did action make a difference? Future implications?

• Topics for Assessment Team for the upcoming academic year
  o Tabled to next month

Assessment Tip:

• Ligia shared some tips for using Excel to do some basic data analysis. She is willing to work with individuals who might want to dig in more
  o You can access the Excel Add-in option to get the data analysis pack.

Student Life Studies Update:

• Eric shared an update about the new Assessment Questionnaire
  o Eric will send out link with new AQ form for testing after the meeting. Please submit an actual project or a dummy project to help us test the process.
• Department assessment planning forms are out and due July 31.
Announcements:
• Thanks to Raye Leigh for her years of service and welcome Rick!
• You can begin putting findings and data-informed actions in your 19-20 assessment plan if the assessment has been completed. You do not need to wait until the due date next fall to get started.

Reminders and Due Dates:
• Last meeting for the 2019-2020 year: August 10
• Calendar appointments will come out in late July for 2020-2021 meetings
• Department assessment planning forms are due July 31