Minutes: Assurance of Learning Task Force

Present: Ken Graham, Peter Haried, Laurie Miller, Ken Rhee, Diana Tempski, Steve Thornburg.

Excused: Mark Huesmann, Ana Iglesias, Laura Milner

Date: Monday, October 24, 2016, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., CWH 124

1) M/S/P (6,0,0) to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016 meeting.

2) Miller gave a report on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPI) assessment conference. One item of note was the use of course embedded assessments, such as multiple choice questions that map to course objectives through to program outcomes and college objectives. Multiple choice questions may be suitable for assessment purposes in some classes such as ACC221, 222, FIN355 and MGT309. Core course coordinators are encouraged to investigate these possibilities to add efficiency and consistency to their assessment processes. Another relevant issue brought up at the conference was the use of community engagement plans with specific goals, strategies and assessments at the departmental level. Rhee mentioned that development of these plans should flow from the college mission statement.

3) Competency in the Major reports were due October 15 and are still missing from Accounting, Economics and Management. Responsible individuals should respond.

4) The January meeting was discussed and it was suggested that the meeting should be restricted to a hands-on demonstration of Aqua, whereby participants would bring laptops and engage in assessing a few demonstration exercises, possibly from BUS205. Vivek Pande and Elizabeth Brown should be contacted about their willingness to provide such assessments. The question of whether Aqua can be run on the IPad was asked and it was believed to be possible, but needed to be confirmed. The intention is that departments can use Aqua in the future for Competency in the Major assessments. It was thought that the UWLAX Taskstream liaison, Patrick Barlow, could be encouraged to reach out to departments to make them aware of the possibilities offered by Aqua.

5) It was noted that ETS results should be available in 2 weeks and could be reviewed at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, November 14th, 2016, 11am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.
Respectfully submitted by Steven Thornburg