

Minutes: Assurance of Learning Committee Meeting

Date: March 25, 2022

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Present: Ken, Laurie, Shishir, Hanna and Anup

Excused: Mehtap

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

Shishir moved and Anup Seconded the approval of February minutes. 5-0-0

Ken will be setting the date for a meeting in the first week of May.

Laurie discussed the changes with regards to the assessment committee in the economics department. Economics has changed the composition of the assessment committee to include the core course coordinators. The idea is to try and integrate the college assessment into departmental assessment practices.

Next, there was a discussion on oral communication skills measured in MGT 449 from the Fall of 2021. Laurie shared some of the insights that Ralph Heath provided regarding oral presentations. There was a general discussion on some of the broader elements which Ralph perceived were important in presentations. Hanna raised some questions on where oral communication is touched upon in the curriculum and what are some of the areas where presentations are emphasized. Laurie was interested in knowing if these thoughts should be brought to the core course coordinators. The committee was in favor of bringing this to the core course coordinators. Building in some resilience into the presentation was also suggested.

Next, Laurie discussed the results from the Critical thinking learning outcome from Fall 2019. The task used was very similar to the in Fall 2016 and Fall 2017. The assessment was conducted earlier in the semester and scores were noticeably lower. There was a discussion on whether rubric has indeed raised the bar in critical thinking? Shishir asked if we can we get demographic characteristics and break down the results to see if there is some heterogeneity and specific gaps that could potentially be identified and addressed.

Finally, the committee discussed ideas related to the curriculum committee and interaction with the assurance of learning committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

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