



## University Assessment Committee

April 26, 2016 Minutes

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**Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 PM

**Location:** Bailey Science Center Room 1036

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**Members present:** Dr. Michael Black, Dr. Byron Brown, Dr. James Holland, Mr. Michael Holt, Dr. Hanae Kanno, Mrs. Natalie Kuhlmann, Mr. Brandon Mainer, Mrs. Niki Turley and Dr. Deborah Robson

**Members absent:** Mrs. Melinda Cutchens, Dr. Ray Elson, Dr. Sudip Chakraborty, Mr. Marc Kaiser, Dr. Jane Kinney and Dr. Christy Yates

**Guest(s):** Dr. Darrell Ross and Ms. Pat Rozier

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Dr. Michael Black (Chair) called the last University Assessment Committee (UAC) Spring meeting to order on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 12:01 pm in Bailey Science Center Room 1036.

**Approval of the minutes of meeting** - The March 30, 2016 minutes were distributed. The minutes were approved. The motion was seconded.

### Announcements and Reports

Student Affairs - Mrs. Niki Turley, a member of this committee, has been named Interim Director of Housing & Residence Life.

The Innovation Grant abstracts are posted online at <http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/institutional-effectiveness/innovate/fy17-awards.php>. There were 24 recipients and each proposal has an assessment component. Once budgets are reviewed/finalized, the Innovation Grant projects will be able to start July 1, 2016.

On March 30, 2016, an email was sent out stating that VSU has withdrawn from the eMajor collaborative (French, Legal Assistant Studies, Office Administration and Technology, Organizational Leadership, and Spanish). VSU will continue to offer these programs online.

**Question:** Have they cut the additional fees that were charged for eCourses?

**Answer:** No. It is still the eTuition rate.

**Question:** Can our students take courses in the eMajor other one and it still count?

**Answer:** Yes, there are courses in eMajor that can be taken.

### Business

Dr. Black invited Dr. Darrell Ross, Department Head for Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice (SACJ) - to discuss how assessment has worked at the department level. Dr. Ross stated that he appreciated the hard work that UAC does including IER/IEP reviews and feedback. He said the assessment process has been both challenging and interesting.



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In addition to the academic units within his department, in 2011, the Center for Applied Social Science was established. The Center provides research and technical consulting for government agencies, police departments and educational institutions. We have award \$10,000 for different individual grants and provided training to 4,000-5,000 police chiefs. Recently, we just completed a project for the City of Moultrie.

**General Education Council:** Dr. Brown - No report

Dr. Black said that SACSCOC IE training module is available online at

[http://www.sacscoc.org/modules/ie/story\\_html5.html](http://www.sacscoc.org/modules/ie/story_html5.html).

Click on Start, select the Menu link, then select **CS 3.3.1 – Institutional Effectiveness**.

Suggest starting on **Slide 30**.

### **Nominations for University Assessment Committee Chair for 2016-17**

Dr. Robson nominated Dr. Black to continue as chair. Ms. Turley volunteered to serve as co-chair.

Mrs. Kuhlmann made the motion for Dr. Black to continue as UAC Chair and Ms. Turley to serve as co-chair. The motioned was seconded. Dr. Black accepted the nomination for co-chair and Ms.

Turley will serve as co-chair.

Dr. Black distributed a handout on Institutional Mission – Program Mission.

Suggestion for next year:

How are other programs using their assessment data?

Syllabi audit

Assessment newsletter – News in Assessment

### **Meeting Schedule**

Dr. Black thanked everyone for their work to promote strong assessment practices in their departments and divisions. A doodle poll will be sent out in August 2016 to UAC members to schedule Fall 2016 meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.