

Program Review and Assessment Committee

2008 -2009 Annual Report

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August 2008 – Planning meeting for AY 08-09. Discussion topics included: (a) reformatting the meetings around working and reporting groups; (b) developing themed agendas based on a membership survey; (c) identifying topics that warranted campus consideration.

September 2008 – Agenda survey given to membership; 2012 North Central Association reaccreditation introduced and explained; subcommittees formed and “charge” given; reformatting of the meetings introduced and discussed (working groups, themed agendas, discussion time, and reporting).

October 2008 – Relationship between Principles of Undergraduate Learning (PULs) and Program Review process introduced and discussed; results of membership survey reported and discussed; working groups initiated, including discussions of critical thinking (as a PUL); mapping of PULs discussed.

November 2008 – Course Evaluation project updated; call for proposals and submission update for PRAC grants discussed; ICHE Goal 6 report was a working group topic.

December 2008 – Subcommittee meetings and reporting were major elements of the meeting; various assessment topics for Spring semester agendas introduced and discussed.

January 2009- Graduate Issues Subcommittee introduced draft “Principles of Graduate and Professional Education”; curriculum mapping of the PULs discussed; update from the most recent ICHE meeting summarized.

February 2009 – ePortfolio developments and future directions reported; student learning of the PULs discussed.

March 2009- 2008 campus Performance Report distributed and discussed; PRAC annual report format discussed; Course Evaluation Subcommittee provided an update.

April 2009 – Letter to the Deans about PUL assessment discussed; PRAC grant awardees announced; working groups given charge for final meeting of the year.

May 2009 – Subcommittees gave final reports, with follow-up discussion; working groups delivered summaries; committee members reflected on and evaluated the format used for AY 08-09 meetings and the overall direction of the committee.

Recurring themes of the 08-09 meetings:

1. Introduction and assessment of PULs.
2. What is done with unit reports on assessment and program reviews.
3. Needed updates and improvements to the course evaluation process.
4. Role and assessment of PULs in undergraduate and graduate education.
5. Dissemination of PRAC discussions and expertise to all faculty and staff; strategies for developing campus-wide communication network.
6. Coordinating the work of various campus committees as IUPUI prepares for the 2012 accreditation visit.
7. The membership of PRAC – scale and scope.