

Program Review and Assessment Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, March 5, 2015

1:30pm – 3:00pm

CE 305

Present: K. Alfrey, P. Altenburger, S. Baker, K. Black, T. Davis, P. Ebright, J. Gregory, S. Hendricks, S. Hundley, S. Kahn, J. Lee, L. Maxwell, H. Mzumara, K. Norris, B. Orme, M. Pistilli, I. Queiro-Tajalli, S. Rice, S. Scott, C. Toledo, S. Weeden, W. Worley, L. Zheng

Guests: Marta Antón, Bradley McKinney, Anita Giddings, Sara Lowe

1. Welcome and approval of January minutes. Minutes accepted as written.
2. Marta Antón, PRAC Grant Report, "Preparing for Proficiency."
Facing an accreditation standard requiring that 80% of Spanish majors achieve "advanced low" proficiency according to an external measure, the program used the PRAC grant to select and administer the Standards-based Assessment and Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP) exam. The grant covered costs of students' testing, testing-center support, and purchase of headphones and USB microphones to support testing. Test was administered to entry level and capstone students in specific courses. Results were compared to national trends and to accreditation target. The test received a positive response from faculty and students. Testing will continue, currently with departmental funding. Funding from another source is being sought for faculty training in Fall 2015 to improve student achievement.
3. James Gregory, Rubric Workshop
Supported by a packet of handouts and PowerPoint presentation, workshop included an overview of rubrics based on February's needs analysis, small group discussion of sample rubrics, and full-group summary discussion.
4. Reminder of March 15 deadline for Assessment Institute call for proposals. Details at Planning.iupui.edu/evalassess/prac.php.
5. Closing remarks and adjournment.