

UNIVERSITY ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Feedback to Departments on Assessment Activities Reported in 2003-2004 Annual Reports

DEPARTMENT Religion and Philosophy DATE April 11, 2005

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STUDENT LEARNING GOALS

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| • Were any goals referenced? | YES <u>X</u> | NO <u> </u> | QUALIFIED Y/N <u> </u> |
| • If so, were goals well articulated? | YES <u>X</u> | NO <u> </u> | QUALIFIED Y/N <u> </u> |
| • Do goals address student learning? | YES <u>X</u> | NO <u> </u> | QUALIFIED Y/N <u> </u> |

Comments:

ASSESSMENT METHODS

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|--|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Were any specific assessment methods referenced? | YES <u>X</u> | NO <u> </u> | QUALIFIED Y/N <u> </u> |
| • If so, were specifically chosen assessment methods appropriately aligned with individual goals? | YES <u>X</u> | NO <u> </u> | QUALIFIED Y/N <u> </u> |
| • Were both direct and indirect assessment methods used as components of a "multiple measures" approach? | YES <u>X</u> | NO <u> </u> | QUALIFIED Y/N <u> </u> |

Comments:

I am not sure how institutional data (enrollments, etc.) are used to evaluate student learning goals, but the other methods in place are impressive and appear more than adequate.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS

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| Were any assessment results reported? | YES <u>X</u> | NO <u> </u> | QUALIFIED Y/N <u> </u> |
| • If so, were the results clear in terms of how they specifically affirm achievement of goals? | YES <u>X</u> | NO <u> </u> | QUALIFIED Y/N <u> </u> |
| • If so, were the results clear in terms of how they indicate need for improvement? | YES <u>X</u> | NO <u> </u> | QUALIFIED Y/N <u> </u> |
| • Were the results tied to goals for student learning? | YES <u>X</u> | NO <u> </u> | QUALIFIED Y/N <u> </u> |

Comments:

CLOSING THE LOOP

Were any actions taken on the basis of assessment results reported?

YES____ NO____ QUALIFIED Y/N _N____

- If so, do curricular or other improvements/ changes arising from assessment results directly address goals for student learning?

YES_Y____ NO____ QUALIFIED Y/N ____

Comments:

Action is to take place in the future, and will be based in part on assessment process.

SUMMARY

Strengths

- ____ A specific plan for assessment is in place.
- ☒ Student learning goals are well-articulated.
- ☒ Assessment methods are clearly described.
- ☒ Assessment methods are appropriately selected.
- ☒ Assessment methods are well-implemented.
- ☒ Direct and indirect methods are implemented.
- ☒ Results are reported.
- ____ Results are tied to closing the loop.
(decision-making is tied to evidence)

Areas for Improvement

- ____ No specific plan for assessment is in place.
- ____ Student learning goals are not well-articulated.
- ____ Assessment methods are not clearly described.
- ____ Assessment methods are not appropriately selected.
- ____ Assessment methods are not well-implemented.
- ____ A single type of assessment methods predominates.
- ____ No results are reported.
- ____ Results are not clearly tied to closing the loop.
(decision-making is not directly tied to evidence)

OVERALL SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The report gives ample evidence of a dynamic process of assessment taking place in the department.