

Assessment Steering Committee Summary – 2009-10

The ASC met ten times this year, working mainly on refining the draft Goals for Student Learning and Development, responding to feedback from the community, including faculty, staff, students, and CEPP. The Goals were unanimously endorsed by the faculty in December, 2009.

We also:

- Began discussions about how the ASC will move forward once the Goals are endorsed by faculty. In particular, what would a five-year plan for assessment of the Goals and how they reflect general education look like? One major topic of discussion was whether the ASC as a subcommittee of CEPP is the right structure for implementing assessment work now that the Goals have been approved. There is some sense that assessment oversight should be more institutional in nature, rather than located in Academic Affairs. In the spring, we hosted a visit from David Paris of the New Leadership Alliance for Student Learning and Accountability as a consultant on the question of where to place assessment in the governance structure.
- Piloted a mapping exercise for both academic departments/programs and Student Affairs, to map courses and activities to the Goals.
- Began work on the Periodic Review Report.
- Continued our oversight over departmental and program assessments.