

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
University Assessment Committee Meeting
March 27, 2007
12:15 – 1:05 p.m.
McCain Library 203

Members Present:

Lue Bell, Patricia Biesiot, Denise Brown, Donna Davis, David Duhon, Stanley Hauer, Jim Henderson, Lilian Hill, David Hunt, Sherry Laughlin, Kathryn Lowery, Jodi Pettazzoni, Bill Powell, Russ Willis

I. Call to Order

Patricia Biesiot called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.

II. Review of the proposed assessment schedule, presented by Kathryn Lowery.

Kathryn Lowery distributed a chart of the proposed assessment schedules for academic, administrative, and alternative calendar assessment plans. Discussion centered around the academic assessment plan.

The question of how the proposed calendar differed from the existing calendar was the focus. Kathryn and Jodi Pettazzoni tried to clarify that departments would have the same annual reporting to submit. However, the planning and changing of assessment plans for the academic areas would change from an annual process to a biannual process for most units. For departments who did not show in their annual report that they were tending to assessment would have to work with Institutional Effectiveness to enhance their plans. The decision of who was or was not assessing adequately will be retained by IE.

The committee asked to see a visual representation of how the schedule will change, along with a glossary of terms for the chart/visual.

Jodi and Kathryn also suggested that having an alternating schedule, which allowed for half (approximately 100 programs) to be revised each year would be more effective. The committee voiced agreement.

III. Proposed changes to Policies and Procedures of the UAC

The committee reviewed the draft document of the UAC policies and procedures as it was projected on a screen. Pat Biesiot stepped through each suggested wording change and answered questions about definitions, deletions, and omissions.

The committee was asked to consider these changes, and to discuss and vote on them at the next meeting.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next meeting will be April 3, 2007 at 12:15 in IC 410.