Meeting Minutes for the
Academic Program Assessment Committee Meeting
September 23, 2014, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Conference Room, Olin Physical Sciences Building

Attendance: Monica Baloga (Chair), Vanessa Edkins, Brian Ehrlich, Michael Grace, Pierre Larochelle, Ted Richardson, Tim Rosser, Matt Ruane, Manolis Tomadakis, Richard Turner, Andy Stanfield, Alex Vamosi, Donna Wilt

Guests: Joddy Murray, Charles (CJ) Colley; John Allen, Jennifer Morin

I. March 19th, 2014, meeting minutes approval
   The minutes were unanimously approved with no corrections or additions.

II. SACSCOC Compliance Certification Report
   a. Submission: The Chair reported that the CCR was submitted on September 9 to SACSCOC, one day before the deadline. She informed the committee about the tentative timeline for the off-site committee’s response to the CCR, the university’s option to respond to the off-site report and submission of our QEP report, and the scheduled on-site committee visit in March, 2015.
   b. Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1: The Chair shared statistics from SACSCOC 2013 Class – Track B Institutions. In the Off-Site Review, 75% of the institutions were found “Non-compliant” with CS 3.3.1.1, 56% with CS 3.3.1.2, 53% with CS 3.3.1.3, 47% with CS 3.3.1.4, and 63% with CS 3.3.1.5. Although the percentages for each steadily decreased through the on-site visit to the culminating C&R Review, the top 5 most frequently cited Principles were these five, with final “Non-compliance” percentages of 16%, 13%, 13%, 9%, and 9%, respectively. This emphasizes how important Institutional Effectiveness practices are in higher education.

III. Discussion of academic program assessment process: where do we go from here?
   The Chair then asked for discussion about “next steps”. Is it necessary to change/improve current practice and processes? This was tabled until proposal were drafted and circulated for everyone’s review.

IV. Action Items - None

V. Next meeting: October 21st, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Monica H. Baloga, Chair
January 28, 2015