

**Assessment Committee Meeting
Minutes
September 24, 2012**

Members present: Jessica Ickes, Cassie Majetic, Ella Harmeyer, Catherine Pellegrino, Daniel Flowers, Rhonda Tomenko, Laurie Lowry

Not present: Stephanie Stewart-Bridges

Guest: Nancy Nekvasil (Biology)

Assessment Grant Report:

Nancy Nekvasil presented the report from the Biology Department's assessment grant. The department used the grant to restructure the introductory biology course series (formerly BIO 151 and 152, now BIO 153 and 154):

- They began by thinking about their seniors and their comprehensive project, and asking themselves in what areas they wished students were stronger when they wrote their comps, and deliberately focusing on those areas in the first-year sequence.
- The department identified experimental design and writing as the two areas on which they would focus.
- As part of their assessment of these two areas, they surveyed students at the end of BIO 153 and 154 in 2011-12 about the students' perception of whether and how much their skills in these areas had been enhanced.
- The greatest benefit to the department, however, was that as a faculty, they became much more attuned to the value of assessment.

IUPUI Assessment Conference

No members of the committee are able to attend this year, other than Jessica and Daniel. Jessica shared with the committee that this is a nationally recognized conference with a variety of tracks that may be of interested and encouraged committee members to consider attending. The conference happens every year, at about the same time, in Indianapolis, so there will be other opportunities.

Fall Assessment Speaker Update

We have 32 confirmed RSVPs from faculty as of this morning; that's a really strong response rate. We're going to extend the RSVP deadline a little past the next Council of Chairs meeting, in hopes that an announcement there will encourage faculty from as-yet-underrepresented areas to attend.

Website Review

Members of the committee are reminded that we'll be reviewing the committee's website at the next meeting. Prepare to wield your Red Pens of Correction.

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine Pellegrino