

Outcomes Assessment Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes 03/11/2024

In Attendance: Mark Stewart; Kane Gillespie; Lori Bruno; Tina Adjei-Bosompem; Ellen Watson; Charis Ng; Lori Escallier; Marie-Claire Roberts; Shushawna DeOliveira; Allen Lewis, Wolf Lacossiere; Tracey Wilson; Richard Kollmar; Priya Pasram, Bonnie Granat.

Today's Discussion:

TOPIC	NOTES
Update from the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mark provided a summary of the latest news related to the Downstate Transformation proposal. This is an emerging and evolving subject that has the potential to severely impact our academic programs. A group of COM department chairs recently wrote a letter (that has been picked up in the press) indicating among other things, that they “believe that [the] vital functions of Downstate[’s educational mission] will be drastically compromised. Even the announcement itself [by the Governor and SUNY Chancellor] was a disruptive and destabilizing force, with immediate, far-reaching repercussions on students and trainees considering whether to launch or continue their careers at Downstate.” source: https://www.bkreader.com/local-voices/the-state-is-making-the-wrong-assessment-on-suny-downstate-8409213
OACC Bylaws and Assessment policy and Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The OACC Bylaws, Assessment Policy and procedures was endorsed unanimously by the OACC on Feb 12, 2024They were approved by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and College and School Deans on February 29, 2024There is a need for quick implementation to support MSCHE Standard V. The information is obtainable but will take some effort so must be top priority among many other important projects.In order to facilitate the process, EOAA has scheduled an information session for Assessment Leaders
Assessment Leaders information session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The information session is scheduled for April 2, 2024, with all the assessment leaders from each school and college.The meeting will discuss leveraging existing information from each unit to address compliance of Standard V. This includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Downstate Student Learning Assessment Policy and Procedures<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assessment plansAssessment reports 3 yearsStudent achievement info by programClosing the loop: use of assessment results for the improvement of assessment policy and proceduresMeeting minutes from college /school committees whose purview includes student learning assessmentCourse catalogsSyllabuses <p><i>Note: The discussion of the curriculum maps was tabled at the last OACC meeting. That discussion will now occur at the information session with the assessment leaders.</i></p>

Middle States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are more than half-way through the Self-study process and coming close to the end of the working group activities. • The second draft of the WG chapters is due this week 3/15. • Special focus is being given to the needs of Standard V. <i>(See section on OACC Bylaws, Assessment Policy and procedures and Assessment Leaders information session in meeting minutes.)</i> • In regard to the possible Transformation Plan proposal, we are proceeding as planned to prepare for our site visit in March 2025.
Updates on accreditation projects in the colleges and schools:	<p>SPH: No Updates</p> <p>SGS: No Updates</p> <p>SOHP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has begun collecting information as defined by the Assessment policy and procedures. SOHP currently has information for 4 out of 6 programs. SoHP's Accreditation Working Group is currently reviewing the results of the Student Satisfaction Survey to determine any areas of improvement needed within SOHP. • Midwifery- Has received additional feedback from ACME. The program must resubmit response for additional information addressing 19 areas by June 1st. They have set an internal deadline of April 2 to review their responses. <p>COM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chairs of the medical departments have written and sent out an impact statement to relay the effect the proposed transformation plan would have on the College. • COM has been contacted by the LCME to address any potential impact the Transformation plan might have on the school. • In the meantime, COM continues to work on any remaining replies they have from the last accreditation. <p>CON:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The working groups are currently preparing their virtual resource room. • The deadline for their self-study report is March 31, 2024. The CCNE Site visit is set for November 17-20th, 2024. • CON admission committee is also weathering questions and concerns from incoming students about the proposed Transformation Plan and its effect on the College of Nursing.
Welcome Priya Pasram	<p>The OACC welcomes Priya Pasram, MPH, Assistant Dean for Quality Improvement and Clinical Assessment, College of Medicine, to the OACC. Dean Charles Brunicardi recommends her addition as informed by the Bylaws to include an additional member from the College of Medicine.</p>
Next meeting	<p>The next OACC meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2024.</p>

Respectfully Submitted, March 11, 2024, Kane Gillespie and Tina Adjei-Bosompem,
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