Minutes
Meeting of the Faculty Senate ad hoc Assessment Committee
Thursday, October 9, 2003
FDHL Warner Conference Room 3:30 p.m.

Present: Hodge, Cutler, Schipporeit, Van Ingen, Wozniak, Barton, Bishop, Powell, Moore, Bohnhoff, Wadkins, Hoehner, Donner

Absent: Bicek, Jackaowia, Damon, Lomicky

The meeting was called to order by Glen Powell, committee chair.

I. The current status of outstanding assessment plans and reports was reviewed. It was reported that some reports were turned in indicating that nothing would be measured until next year or the following year. The subcommittee asked how to handle these. Powell stated that all reports would be posted as they are received. The subcommittee should complete the Assessment Report Evaluation form, sending a copy to the Department Chair and Cutler. The Assessment portion of the NCA self-study document will report that some Assessment Reports have deferred any assessment of learning outcomes and others have done very well. Powell will work with the SVCAA to determine any consequences for the lack of reporting.

Many reports have not been submitted. Powell will send a memo indicating that all reports should be in no later than November 3rd.

II. Powell distributed the National Survey of Student Engagement Summary for 2003. Several questions were answered about the Survey and the data. Bohnhoff provided some background information. Powell has offered to send the data to Department Chairs and Deans. There was general agreement that the data should be made public. Powell indicated a forum panel discussion is being organized to discuss the NSSE results. It will be co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate, Center for Teaching Excellence and the SVCAA’s Office.

Bohnhoff indicated that 4 –5 of UNK’s peer institutions are using the survey also and that the survey will be conducted again in 2004 when we will have three years of longitudinal data. Mike offered to provide copies of the detailed report. Wozniak requested copies for the General Studies Assessment Committee.

III. Powell distributed a draft of a possible decentralized organizational chart model including the new Assessment Director position and changes in reporting structure. Committee members provided reactions and comments. Powell will be sharing the proposal with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Council of Chairs and the Deans’s Council. The proposal will then be revised for further analysis and discussion.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for November 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Barton, Recording Secretary