

OAC Minutes

11-13-2024

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Intro

Erik discussed provided updates on upcoming conferences and progress made towards filling the new OIER director position.

Upcoming Conferences

- Erik sent an email to Roxanne regarding attending upcoming conferences.

New Director Search

- The search committee carefully vetted candidates for a new director position. The top three candidates will be visiting campus next week for interviews.

Workshop Series

Committee members debriefed the OAC's recent three-part workshop series.

Next Steps

There will be an emphasis on documentation, specifically how programs will make improvements in their approach to teaching based on past, present, and future outcome assessment data, reports, and plans.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Under the guidance of NMHU administration, the HLC Committee, and the OAC – OA coordinators will update their assessment PLANS using a new cover sheet, that is in development, that will focus on documentation related to “closing the loop.”

The template for outcome reports was modified to emphasize interpreting results, remediation plans, and actions based on findings. The committee aims to streamline data collection, analysis, and planning processes for continuous improvement.^[1] Sarah Tracy emphasized the importance of considering competitiveness and student attraction at the Highlands institution compared to others like UNM or state schools. They discussed the value of smaller class sizes and student-centric approaches. The conversation also touched upon external factors like the impact of community and legislative changes on student enrollment.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Editing, obtaining approval for, and implementing the new REPORT template which will require Senate approval for future implementation.

Plans for future meetings and approval processes were outlined, focusing on collaborative efforts to enhance teaching strategies and student engagement.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Partnering with the new OIER Director re: the ongoing outcome assessment process

Next meeting date 2/5/2025.