



Mission Statement

To foster an environment of continuous improvement in student learning and provision of services to the VSU community through the use of active, ongoing, and constructive assessments.

Members Present: Michael Black, Natalie Kuhlmann, Hanae Kanno, Ray Elson, Peggy Moch, Jane Kinney, Deborah Robson, Terence Sullivan, Sudip Chakraborty

Members Absent: Michele Blankenship, Fanhoe Nie, Michael Holt, Pepper Croft, Yvonne Landers

Michael Black called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

I. Share Some Good News!

- Jane Kinney, member of UAC since 2008, is rotating off. Thank you for your leadership and dedicated service.
- Ray Elson, member of UAC, is assuming an additional role as interim Associate Dean for LCOBA. Congratulations Ray. He is not ending service on the committee 😊
- Michael Holt, member of UAC for many years, accepted a position as Head of Research and Instruction Services for the LSU Libraries. Way to go, Michael!
- It's Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week
(<https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/president/faculty-and-staff-appreciation.php>).

II. Approved March 24, 2021 Minutes

Minutes are posted on UAC website.

III. Continuing Business

- Committee discussed next year's meeting schedule. It was suggested to alternate virtual and face to face meetings.
- M. Black shared that we are revising a few more elements of the Quality Enhancement Plan before submitting final version to SACSCOC this summer. Plan is posted at <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/sacs/gep/documents/vsu-gep-2021.pdf>
- M. Black discussed efforts to increase SOI response rates
 - Spring 2021 response rate is currently 13%
 - Response rate in Fall 2020: 40%, down 11% from Fall 2019
 - Met with SGA executive committee 04/14/21
 - Setting up meeting with incoming SGA president in the next few weeks
 - Re-writing survey solicitation email to be from SGA president instead of "VSU Office of Academic Affairs" and also have them help with a social media campaign
 - Added a new webpage: Guidelines for Interpreting SOIs
<https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/sois/guidelines-for-interpreting-sois.php>
- USG approved the new eDegree model this month (see campus email from R. Carvajal 04/13/21).
- M. Black discussed planning for IER/IEP Review for 2021-22:



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- Workshops for individual divisions
- Based on your suggestions, I have placed December check-ins and May check-ins for emails on my calendar.
- Where we can improve with assessment. Revised IER template to more directly prompt preparers to close the assessment loop.



Review from Last Year's Institutional Effectiveness Report (Add a reflective statement on whether changes made last year resulted in an improvement. What changes did you say you were going to make? Did you make them? Were they successful?)

- New Faculty Evaluation Model approved by Faculty Senate and posted online at <https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/faculty-evaluation-model.php>
- New AFARAP planning worksheets posted online:
 - [Goal Accomplishments Worksheet for the Annual Faculty Activity Report](#)
 - [Reflection and Goal Planning Worksheet for the Annual Faculty Activity Report](#)
- Election of 2021-22 Chair and Co-Chair
 - Dr. Michael Black was re-elected as chair for 2021-22.
 - Dr. Peggy Moch was re-elected as co-chair for 2021-22.

VI. Announcements/Workshops

APL Training Classes

- April 26, 2021 4:00-5:00pm, Collaborate Ultra, [Register](#) or email [apl \[at\] valdosta.edu](mailto:apl@valdosta.edu) ahead of time for link
- May 26, 2021 4:00-5:00pm, Collaborate Ultra, [Register](#) or email [apl \[at\] valdosta.edu](mailto:apl@valdosta.edu) ahead of time for link
- June 24, 2021 4:00-5:00pm, Collaborate Ultra, [Register](#) or email [apl \[at\] valdosta.edu](mailto:apl@valdosta.edu) ahead of time for link
- July 26, 2021 4:00-5:00pm, Collaborate Ultra, [Register](#) or email [apl \[at\] valdosta.edu](mailto:apl@valdosta.edu) ahead of time for link

SmartEvals Training Class

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VII. UAC

Meeting Schedule for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

- TBD

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:46.