University Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 3:30 pm
Enrollment Conference Room

In attendance: Kristi Pearce, Erin Holmes, Danielle Brady, Shelia Aaker, Cheryl Anagnopoulos, John Alsup, Abigail Domagall and Gregg Galea.

A motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting was made by Erin Holmes and seconded by Danielle Brady. All present approved the motion.

Dr. Pearce reaffirmed the role of the Assessment Committee as being here to help and serve rather than "police" the University in the assessment process. And that its purpose is not only about gathering assessment data; it is more about how we document use of collected data to improve student learning.

She also mentioned as a resource the Association of American Colleges and Universities webpage's, VALUE-Plus: Rising to the Challenge http://www.aacu.org/Rising_Challenge/index.cfm where there are examples of rubrics that could help stimulate conversations concerning assessing learning outcomes, such as writing, problem-solving, critical thinking, etc. Specific rubrics can be accessed at VALUE: Valid Assessment of Learning in Undergraduate Education. *http://www.aacu.org/value/rubrics/index_p.cfm?CFID=28434506&CFTOKEN=14769199*

Dr. Pearce briefed the committee regarding the HLC Campus Forum to be held on April 7, 2010. The President is excited about the opportunity to gather input from the campus on the New Pathways Demonstration Project's Quality Initiative that BHSU was invited to participate with 13 other pioneer institutions. The input collected during the campus forum will be used to develop the HLC new Pathway proposal due May 15, 2010. She asked assessment committee members to serve as small group facilitators for the forum. Dr Pearce then led a discussion to determine the following questions for each small group to consider. The four questions agreed upon were:

1. *What does Experiential Learning mean to us?*
2. *How is Experiential Learning already happening at BHSU?*
3. *How could Experiential Learning be expanded into General Education?*
4. *How could Academics partner with Student Life to create Experiential Learning across the curriculum?*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next Assessment Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2010 in the Enrollment Conference Room.