Middles States 2010:
Institutional Assessment and Assessment of Student Learning Mid-year Report

From October through December, 2009, the Committee on Institutional Assessment and Assessment of Student Learning engaged in a wide-ranging series of interviews with key university leaders and staff members to investigate the nature, scope and effectiveness of assessment practices across the institution, as they relate to university planning and administration and as they are employed within learning environment for our students.

The committee utilized subgroups focused on specific questions (as detailed in our October report) to interact with particular individuals and scheduled those interviews by means of the master list of times and personnel provided by the Steering Committee. As of this writing interviews have been completed with all of the key individuals identified has having important information on “assessment” that should inform our analysis.

On the administrative side, our interviewees included Fr. Peter Donohue, Jack Johannes, Ken Valosky, Barbara Wall, Mike O’Neill, Ann Diebold, Vince Nicastro, Bob Morro, and Jim Trainer among others. On the academic side, a working group co-chaired by Walt Tymon (VSB) and Fritz Hartmann (CAS) conducted interviews with, and gathered data from, associate deans & department chairs in the undergraduate colleges.

As of this writing, transcripts and/or summary reports for most of the interviews have been posted to the Middle States online document library. Within the next week or two, a comprehensive set of the committee’s interview documents will have been shared by that means.

The committee is now entering the analysis phase of the project and will be meeting within the next two weeks to more fully organize and rationalize that process. Preliminary report development for each of the key questions addressed by the committee will begin shortly thereafter.

Submitted by Joe Lucia, Committee Co-Chair
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