

Academic Assessment Council (AAC)

Meeting Notes
November 10, 2020

In attendance: Victor Brown, Jane MacKillop, Zoila Morell, Anne Rothstein, Evan Senreich, Don Sutherland, Devrim Yavuz (via Zoom)

The meeting started at 2:02 PM

Welcome & Updates:

The Council was briefed on the report Associate Provost Brown provided to the Lehman College Senate on November 4.

Assessment Management System (AMS):

- No further developments. The New York State Comptroller is still weighing a decision based on the latest information Lehman College provided to justify its choice of Nuventive's *Improve*.
- Dropbox will be used for AY 2020-21 plans and reports.

AY 2019-2020 Annual Assessment Report:

The Council was informed about the report that would provide a high-level overview of assessment activity at Lehman College for the past academic year. The report provides information related to academic assessment, AES assessment, and General Education assessment. The report also provides examples of uses of assessment information for improvement. The report will enable the College to better document its assessment activity and use of assessment to pursue continuous improvement. The report will be distributed to the Lehman community by the Provost.

Assessment Plan Update:

To date, 54% of AES units and 45% of academic departments had submitted assessment plans. Devrim Yavuz, faculty assessment fellow, discussed the survey he had developed for faculty assessing General Education courses during AY 2020-21. Division of work to review assessment plans was discussed. The Council had divided up assessment plans for review during AY 2019-2020. There was concern that faculty had previously expressed that there had been no feedback. The reference to a lack of feedback likely concerned departmental discussion, as that matter was raised at a recent departmental meeting within HS2N. There was interest in again dividing up the assessment plans among the Council.

There was also discussion about the development of an assessment review template. It was suggested that this could be achieved when the AMS is implemented. If not, some templates from other institutions could be used as the basis for developing a Lehman-specific template.

Assessment Activities:

- Interest remained high in an annual assessment event in which practices and outcomes are shared. The Bronx Ed Tech conference was cited as a model.

- The next assessment workshop will be held on November 19, 2020. The workshop will be, “Developing Measures and Metrics for Assessing Student Performance.”

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Don Sutherland, Acting Secretary