

Meeting of October 24 2023

Vice chair Washburn called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

In attendance Paskin, Hartzell, Quam-Wickham, Shin, Wallis, Scepanski, Sheridan, Hedayatipour, Asvapathangul.

Washburn opened the meeting with a discussion about recertification of the A1 courses: checking the SCO and the syllabi for evidence of GELO mapping. Washburn suggested, and the committee agreed, that this could be a good way to do a recertification practice activity.

The committee examined the SCO for COMM 110. Besides concerns like appropriate sample size and other basic matters, the suggestion was that we examine the syllabi to see if we can identify the GELOs.

After some back-and-forth, the committee made a number of suggestions: perhaps recommend that the department update their SCO to follow the university SCO using the template; additionally, change the language from teaching objectives, which we will not be evaluating to learning objectives, which is what assessment will measure. Another suggestion (Hartzell) was that we encourage the department to update its verbs used in the objective section to more closely parallel Bloom's taxonomy.

These initial thoughts raised questions about what the role of the GEEC was in recertification. Washburn read the academic Senate charge. Paskin addressed a question about required elements for SCOs. Wallis asked that the documents and policies that departments will need to properly update their SCOs be available on the Assessment website. This would largely be guidance material. Wallis also suggested that we map the SCOs to the GELOs. We should be able to differentiate which ones are connected, even as non-disciplinary specialists.

Washburn asked that each committee member examine two or three syllabi associated with one of the SCOs for one of the COMM courses; materials are in the GEEC Sharepoint folder. This is our homework for the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted, N Quam-Wickham