

Assessment Advisory Board

Mission:

The mission of the Assessment Advisory Board (AAB) is to advise the Director of Assessment¹ on assessment-related issues. Specifically, members of this committee provide feedback on proposed assessment policies, procedures, and activities; act as assessment liaisons to the major academic units on campus, and work as proponents of effective campus-wide assessment.

Members:

Deb Allen, Amanda Barrington, Francois Amar, Robin Delcourt, John Hwalek, George Criner, Nancy Lewis, Patti Miles, Elaine Bartley, Tim Cole (on sabbatical 18-19)

2018-2019 Summary:

The Assessment Advisory Board met twice in the fall and three times in the spring. During the fall semester, the meetings were focused on updates pertaining to the Office of Assessment and the NECHE 10-year self-study. In the spring, after the creation of the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment and submission of the NECHE self-study, the meetings of the Board focused on three things:

- *Aligning the work of the Board with the mission statement.* Specifically, the Board discussed and agreed to play a role in offering feedback to units regarding program assessment plans. This is a role outlined in the UMaine Assessment Plan (2014). The expectation is that we will pilot this role in 2019-2020. Further the Board will review and provide feedback to OIRA on a three-year plan for assessment at UMaine. The expectation is that the plan will be developed before fall 2019.
- *Revising the Current University of Maine Assessment Plan.* The Board held a preliminary discussion regarding areas of improvement and expansion. This will be revisited in 2019-2020 when UMaine receives feedback from the NECHE 10-year accreditation process.
- *Exploring tools for storing and managing assessment data.* The Board will be advising OIRA as we explore assessment data tools. On April 29, John Hwalek presented the Board with a demo of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering's in-house Assessment System. Further, the Board was invited to a Watermark Demo on May 23.

¹ This position is now the Assistant Provost for Institutional Research and Assessment.