
Announcements: The self-study from the Math Department is due April 11th. S. Clerc will meet with the external reviewer April 16th.

The Committee discussed the Earth Sciences Department’s self-study and determined that all 17 standards have been met. The Committee therefore recommends that UCF grant continuing approval to the Earth Sciences Department.

The Committee next discussed the revised self-study from the Accounting Department. Accounting needed to address standards 1-9 only and the Committee found that standards 1-9 have been met. The Committee therefore recommends that UCF grant continuing approval to the Accounting Department.

Although recommending continuing approval, members of the Committee had the following comments for the Accounting Department as the faculty progress to the next stage of self-assessment:

This revised study is a great improvement over the previous report. The department seems engaged in the assessment process and is moving in the right direction.

The plan regarding gates, exams, and the capstone course look very good. The Committee would have liked to have seen a timeline for implementation and some discussion on how the exams, capstone course, rubrics, and so on, comprising the plan will be created: who will create them, will there be a committee, when does the department expect to begin and conclude creation of these measures?

Examples of the exams, rubrics, capstone projects, etc., analysis of the results, and explanation of how the results are used by faculty to improve the program will need to be included in the next report.

The department is encouraged to distinguish clearly between direct and indirect measures (e.g. alumni surveys).

The Committee urges members of the department to being working immediately on the remaining standards for their own benefit, especially standards 16 & 17. Doing so will give the department a head start on the next stage of the assessment cycle, help identify strengths and weaknesses of the department, provide a basis for planning improvements. It will also make the connections among the standards, and how they support and inform each other, clearer.

On a related matter, the CPA test results could be discussed more directly and include thoughts on what the ranking means, what might contribute to the low ranking of SCSU, and how the department plans to address this weakness in the program.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Clerc