PRAC draft minutes
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Present: S. Clerc (chair), M. Bay, C. Dellenger-Pate, J. Webb, T. Lin, M. Davidson, R. Zipoli, P. Kahlbaugh, M. Enjalran, R. Silady, T. Radice
Absent: M. Fede, K. Gorniak, C. O’Sullivan

Meeting came to order at 9:35

After much discussion, the Committee recommends that the university purchase software like TK 20 but NOT TK20 to gather learning outcome measures. Students would upload selected assignments, perhaps as part of a course requirement or as a collection of best work. Faculty would still need to review the work and would be able to decide which assignments should be included. The software could function like a FAAR for students and provide students with an electronic portfolio they could use when job-hunting.

The portfolios would serve as the method for measurement required for Standard 3, and Standard 3 would then become a description of outcomes and which assignments in the portfolio apply. Departments would be spared the burden of collecting the data, which is the most cumbersome part of Standard 3 and perhaps the entire program review process.

Standards 1-4 call for a lot of data already available from departmental annual reports, although the wording in the Digital Measures template and the Standards differs. It would streamline and improve the review process if the data from the template would automatically populate a form that could be used for program review. It would also be more efficient for NEASC.

The Committee wonders what other schools do? What does UConn do?

Meeting adjourned 10:40

Submitted by S. Clerc