Committee members present:
Jennifer Boylan, Dr. Walter Diaz, Dr. Rodrigo Pinto, Paul Serignese, Kim Silcox

Minutes/note taker: Rodrigo

Committee members approved the September minutes.

Kim and Rodrigo reported that the campus-wide Ad-Hoc Assessment Committee has encouraged the Division of Student Affairs to assess student learning from the Division’s existing co-curricular activities that are applicable to develop the communication, critical thinking, ethics, and information literacy of students.

The committee decided to accept this encouragement and request that during 2016-17 each Division unit assess student learning in as many of these four core abilities as can be developed from the existing work of the given unit. Kim mentioned that during 2016-17 units in the Division of Academic Affairs might be highlighting ethics among these four core abilities. Committee members reiterated that applicable units in the Division of Student Affairs be encouraged to continue to assess student retention even as they begin to assess student learning in the four core abilities.

Members of the committee exchanged their impressions as to how well the first iteration of the assessment presentation series at the Division senior staff meeting served its purpose, which was to offer units support that is proportional to the challenge of raising the rigor in their assessment standards.

Jennifer volunteered to present at the next Division senior staff meeting, which was scheduled to occur in November. Jennifer handed out slide print outs with ideas on what she might present and exchanged ideas with other committee members on what content would be most useful for her to present. As with past and future presenters, during the next committee meeting members plan to host and offer feedback on a draft of the presentation for the Division senior staff meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday November 10 at 1pm in Science 432.