

University Academic Assessment Committee (UAAC) Report to the Faculty Senate Academic Year 2023-2024

During the 2023-2024 academic year, the University Academic Assessment Committee (UAAC) met monthly—3 times in Fall 2023 and 4 times in Spring 2024—for a total of seven times. While no specific charges were made of the UAAC from Faculty Senate, the committee did need to address several issues related to the committee’s role to “serve as both an advisory and an assessment coordination body on all matters related to academic assessment at the University as a whole” (Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article VII, Section 14). Those activities in the 2023-2-24 Academic Year generally involved providing advisory feedback to work being done by the University Analysis, Reporting, and Assessment (UARA), including Gull Week assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), Middle States Self-Study review accomplishments, and updating the Academic Program Review (APR) Guidelines paperwork. Academic. Additional activities by UAAC related to the assessment component of SU’s transition to the new General Education Curriculum in Fall 2024.

General Education Assessment

As courses are approved by the General Education Oversight Committee (GEOC), one significant component of each course evaluation includes how it directly addresses the Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) identified for each GEOC category. The involvement of the UAAC in this process is consistent with a specific duty assigned to the committee as part of the Faculty Senate Bylaws; “B. Articulate and update, in coordination with the General Education Oversight Committee, a coherent plan for ongoing assessment of the General Education curriculum” (Article VII, Section 14). Anticipated impacts of future SLO assessment processes include the probable transition from the current Gull Week model to a model integrated within courses, for example assessing all students enrolled in First Year Seminar (FYS) courses to record baseline SLO proficiency as students begin their academic career at Salisbury University.

Gull Week Assessment

As part on an existing model of assessing SLOs at Salisbury University, the Gull Week assessment activities occurred early in Fall 2023 and summary reports of those assessments were drafted in collaboration between UARA and UAAC. Over 2500 students signed-up to participate in these assessment procedures which focused this year on the SLOs of Informational Literacy

Middle States Self-Study