Assessment Committee

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Overview: The SPR2020 semester was a unique challenge for the entire GBC community due to the global Covid-19 pandemic, and consequent GBC lockdown and quarantine. Two Zoom meetings were conducted, and a final semester meeting is scheduled for the week after finals to discuss final review and submission of faculty course assessment forms before final submission.

Points:

(1) Committee members will review and submit faculty course assessment forms within first week after semester end.

(2) Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the GBC Accreditation review has been re-scheduled for Sept. 28, 2020.

(3) We have begun our review of course assessments for 2019-2020 annual report. This review will be ongoing through end of semester. Summary will be submitted with annual report.

(4) Committee members have discussed recommendations on improving processes of adjunct review, and new hire mentoring. Suggested revisions include a “new hire” packet of essential skills and policies, and a recommendation that newly hired faculty be formally assigned a senior faculty mentor to facilitate understanding of GBC policies and procedures, use of webcampus technology, etc. Recommendations will be submitted to faculty senate chair for consideration before moving forward toward policy sanction.

(5) Other discussions involved suggested recommendations for improving institutional relationship and communication between faculty and administration with regard to course integrity and instruction, academic freedom, and professional conduct. Ongoing discussion points will be sent to senate faculty chair for consideration and input before seeking potential policy sanction and formalization by faculty senate and administration.

- Respectfully submitted by Daniel Bergey 5/13/2020