The Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee Annual Report for 2013

The Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee (LOAC) met four times throughout the 2012-2013 academic year. The main agenda items for the meetings involved discussing how to make the ongoing assessments programs in the various disciplines sustainable and how to more broadly apply the assessment of courses that are used primarily to satisfy the distribution requirements (i.e. general education courses) in the school of Arts and Sciences. Because of the work done on a pilot project during the past two summers, faculty members representing each of the five distribution areas have developed learning outcomes which can be broadly applied within a distribution area to almost any course that is primarily used by students to satisfy a distribution requirement. In addition a review of the newly initiated Bridge to Liberal Arts Success at Tufts (BLAST- a program that was designed to increase the success rate of students matriculating at Tufts who are bright and full of potential as evidenced by their high school academic achievement but who may not have had the same socio-economic and educational opportunities as other matriculating students) was also undertaken with the results of this review showing that even though the program was only started during the summer of 2012, there are already signs indicating that it has been successful in integrating students to Tufts and ensuring their academic success. The committee also discussed planned changes for the senior and sophomore surveys. All of these topic discussions are ongoing and will continue during the next academic year.

Harry Bernheim will serve as chair of this committee during the 2013-2014 academic year.

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