The Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee (LOAC) met four times throughout the 2013-2014 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 apply more broadly 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 summers of 2011 and 2012, faculty members representing each of the five distribution areas 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. During the summer of 2013 a conference was led by Dr. Laura Rogers with alumni from the pilot project as well as staff and administrators to discuss what should be done next to move the assessment of the general education courses forward. It was decided that faculty members involved in the process needed more support with respect to how to design their assessment programs and how to interpret the data they collect. The LOAC recommended that a coaching staff be established who will help faculty in the future with these types of issues. The committee also discussed the senior and sophomore surveys and made changes in the questions that will be asked in the upcoming years. All of these topic discussions are ongoing and will continue during the next academic year.

Harry Bernheim will be stepping down as chair of this committee at the end of the 2013-2014 academic year.

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