

Criterion 5 Committee Meeting Minutes

Criterion 5 – First Meeting

February 10, 2022, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Tyler Anderson, Nick Bardo, Ram Basnet, David Collins, Andrew Connolly, Bryan Davis, Lucy Graham, Christi Hein, Eliot Jennings, Deborah Kennard, Barry Laga, Justin Little, Heather McKim, Keegan Pfeiffer, Adam Rosenbaum, Tracie Seurer, John Stewart, Jun Watabe

1. Committee Chair Rosenbaum called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.
2. Rosenbaum identified the mandate and value of the committee, addressing the accreditation process, the potential for education and engagement, and the functional benefits and pragmatic perks to participation.
3. Rosenbaum introduced Criterion 5 at large, breaking it down into the three areas of “engaging constituencies,” “resource base,” and “planning and improvement.” He also encouraged committee members to keep in mind the “Institutional Mission Statement” as we move forward: “Committed to a personal approach, Colorado Mesa University is a dynamic learning environment that offers abundant opportunities for students and the larger community to grow intellectually, professionally, and personally. By celebrating exceptional teaching, academic excellence, scholarly and creative activities, and by encouraging diversity, critical thinking, and social responsibility, CMU advances the common good of Colorado and beyond.”
4. The committee considered the three different types of evidence: clear, corroborating, and circumstantial. The example of the Board of Trustees’ appointment of John Marshall as CMU President was used to illustrate the different types of evidence. One committee member asked about how much evidence we need for an individual sub-criterion. Rosenbaum confirmed that several clear examples would suffice, especially given the limited word count for Criterion 5 at large.
5. The committee members brainstormed pieces of evidence for Criterion 5.A.1: “Shared governance at the institution engages its internal constituencies- including its governing board, administration, faculty, staff and students- through planning, policies, and procedures.”
 - Faculty Senate
 - Sub Committees or Standing Faculty Senate Committees (staff, faculty are included)
 - Board of Trustees (including Student Trustee)
 - Various surveys administered, including the 2021 Campus Climate Survey
 - Campus Climate interviews with faculty and staff
 - Associated Student Government

- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
 - Retention Committee (Academic Affairs)
 - Enrollment Management Task Force
 - Sustainability Council
 - President, past and present, holds weekly meetings with management team in addition to keeping regular office hours
6. Rosenbaum addressed the agenda for the next meeting to be held in early March, stating that the committee would discuss the sub-criteria of 5.A.1, 5.A.2, 5.B.1, and 5.B.2. The committee also discussed the possibility of meeting in person next time while recording it for those who could not attend. The first meeting ended at 4:00pm.