



Office of Student Learning and Outcomes Assessment and Accreditation (SLOAA)

Mission:

Promote student success and achievement through greater accountability for student learning, and support a cycle of outcomes assessment and continuous program improvement.

Responsibilities:

1. Identify and develop assessment materials and tools for use at URI which promote best practices in program improvement, student learning and curricular reform.
2. Develop campus-wide mechanisms for documenting evidence of student learning and achievement.
3. Assist faculty and departments in their efforts to assess and report on student learning within the major; offer training for faculty and staff in the principles and techniques of student learning outcomes assessment; provide opportunities for sponsorship of faculty and staff engaged in assessment activities.
4. Compile, and publish the results of outcomes assessment efforts for review by campus, state and regional constituencies.
5. Identify themes across programs to inform professional development initiatives and intervention strategies.
6. Maintain a website to provide faculty with assessment models, tools, and training opportunities and conference opportunities.
7. Provide support for the overall outcomes assessment for all assessment activities including General Education, undergraduate and graduate programs, and student affairs.
8. Collaborate with Institutional Research and other relevant offices and committees.
9. Represent URI at state, regional and national forums on student learning and assessment.
10. Develop mechanisms to ensure that the purview and direction of outcomes assessment remains within the institution rather than dictated by external forces.
11. Publicize and promote programmatic improvement and student achievement.
12. Identify and seek extra-mural funding to support campus-wide initiatives aimed at improving student learning and achievement.
13. Support affiliated initiatives.

Institutional Reporting and Structure:

The Office of Student Learning and Outcomes Assessment (SLOA) is responsible to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, with day-to-day reporting to the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.

Collaborative Campus Associations:

College Deans and Faculty
Faculty Senate
Faculty Senate Committee on University College and General Education
Graduate School
Institutional Research
Instructional Development Program
Learning Outcomes Oversight Committee
Media & Information Technology
Vice President for Student Affairs