

Graduate Program Assessment: Assessment Plan Template

Graduate Assessment Team

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THINK BIG WE DO

Exemplar Groups

- ❖ Communication Studies
-Norbert Mundorf
- ❖ Human Development and Family Studies
-Jerome Adams
- ❖ Mechanical Engineering
-Martin Sadd
- ❖ School Psychology
-Gary Stoner

Graduate Program Assessment: Background

- ❖ Workshop #1: Focus on creating objectives and outcomes for your program.
- ❖ January meeting: Exemplar Groups & Mini-Grant Awardees
- ❖ Workshop #2: Focus on identifying ways of assessing the program outcomes.

Graduate Program Assessment: Workshop #3

- ❖ Workshop #3: Review an outcomes based assessment plan template/trial balloon
- ❖ Recommendations, suggestions, comments
- ❖ This is a plan, not a report (will continue to work on a report-perhaps a 3 year cycle?)

Graduate Assessment Plan: Addressing Concerns

- ❖ Faculty driven outcomes, objectives, and indicators that improve the effectiveness of your program (what YOU value)
- ❖ Create a plan that is general enough to be used by faculty in all academic areas and levels
- ❖ Create a plan before it is created for us
- ❖ Make the plan easy to use so that it IS ACTUALLY used

Graduate Assessment Plan: Addressing Concerns

- ❖ Accreditation
 - Use what your program already has in terms of data and add any indicators as needed
 - Accreditation report will probably be more advanced
- ❖ Training/consults will be available
 - Meaningful and Manageable-*

Next Steps After Workshop #3?

The outcomes based assessment plan will be reviewed by:

- ❖ Deborah Grossman-Garber, Office of Higher Education (unofficial review)
- ❖ Learning Outcomes Oversight Committee (LOOC) in May, 2010
- ❖ Dean Nasser Zawia, Graduate School
- ❖ Provost DeHayes

Who Will See the Report?

- ❖ LOOC (New policy)
- ❖ Student Learning, Outcomes Assessment, and Accreditation (SLOAA)
- ❖ Graduate Assessment Review Team (part of LOOC)
- ❖ Graduate School

**The Goal:
Improve Graduate Programs**

