

The SOA Web Page

Background and Rationale

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It started with research of best practices and other university assessment pages.

<http://www.uni.edu/assessment/SOAExamples.shtml>

Why Create Such A Page?

Initial reasons:

- To encourage cross-departmental and cross-college conversations about assessment
- To provide resources through possible models and strategies from other departments

More Reasons

- To provide a place to archive university assessment information on an ongoing basis
- To prepare for the self-study process and the HLC visit

Criterion 3 for the Self-Study: Student Learning & Effective Teaching

The organization provides evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness that demonstrates it is fulfilling its educational mission.

- Learning goals for all undergraduate, graduate, and post-baccalaureate programs
- Assessment of student learning at the course, program and institutional levels
- Multiple direct and indirect measures
- Results available to appropriate constituencies including students.

Archiving and Reporting— Some Examples

- Minnesota State University-Mankato

<http://www.mnsu.edu/planning/assessment/plan/>

- Montana State University

<http://www.montana.edu/wwwprov/assessment/assessmentplans.htm>

- Iowa State University

<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~accreditation/1-overview/040.htm>

<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~accreditation/4-learning/311.htm#College>

One More Reason— Maybe The Most Important One

- To lead the way to adding information on learning outcomes and assessment to departmental web pages

Assessment on Department Home Pages

Examples from Iowa State University

Anthropology:

<http://www.anthr.iastate.edu/assessment.shtml>

Biochemistry:

<http://www.bbmb.iastate.edu/assessment.shtml>

Chemistry: <http://www.chem.iastate.edu/assessment/>

Curriculum and Instruction:

<http://www.ci.hs.iastate.edu/oa/oamain.php>

Kinesiology: <http://www.kin.hs.iastate.edu/learnteach/>

Philosophy:

<http://www.philrs.iastate.edu/assessment.shtml>

Sharing Learning Outcomes with Students

Learning Compacts from University of North Florida

<http://www.unf.edu/acadaffairs/alc/index.htm>

http://www.unf.edu/acadaffairs/alc/Alpha_index.htm

The UNI SOA Web Site— Some Basics

- The format is a *draft template* at this point.
- The web site is *password protected*.
- The web site and the types of information on it could be changed as we think about potential uses for and value of such a collection of information.

Some Questions for Reflection (Where Do We Go From Here?)

- Is the format of the page easy to use?
- Is there information that should be added?
- Is there information that is not needed?
- Are the program areas correctly listed?
- Is information on the page useful and used?

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