University of Houston Z Clear Lake

Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Office of Planning and Assessment Academic Assessment Report for Closure of FY19-20 and Rollover for FY20-21

Overview of Assessment Report and Process

The Office of Planning and Assessment (P&A) in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIE) annually reviews assessment plans in two areas: academic and administrative. P&A has reviewed the assessment plans for the 2019-2020 Assessment Cycle.

This report focuses on the review of the academic assessment plans for completion and quality of content. For completion, all plans should have submitted the following components: Program Outcomes, Student Learning Outcomes, 2019-2020 Methods, Results, and Use of Results. For quality of content, components are scored as Very Good (3), Acceptable (2), and Needs Improvement (1). See rubrics in Appendix A.

The submission deadline for completing the 2019-2020 assessment plan with results and use of results was October 31, 2020, and all sections were locked on November 1, 2020. During the review process, some sections were revised for clarity and consistency by the OIE reviewer. If the information was not clear or the section was incomplete, the reviewer returned the item to the user for revision and re-submission. All completed plans were reviewed, scored, and released.

Summary:

Number of Academic Assessment Plans: 102 Number of Components: 498 Number of Submitted Components: 491 (98.6%) Number of Assessment Plans Not Submitted: 4 (3.9%)

	Components						
Division	Total Plans	Total Components	Submitted and Reviewed	Completed	Needs Revision	Submitted Late	Avg. Score
BUS	22	108	108	108	0	0	3.00
COE	17	82	82	82	0	0	3.00
CSE	26	129	127	127	2	5	2.83
HSH	37	179	177	177	2	2	2.94
TOTAL	102	498	494	494	4	7	2.93

Table 1. Summary of Assessment Review

All assigned users of plans needing revision were provided details of needed revisions and given a two-week deadline to complete and re-submit the section(s) for approval.

Part 1: Assessment Report for FY19-20 Results/Use of Results in Academic Plans (Fall 19, Spring 20, Summer 20 – Previous Academic Year)

Summary and Status of Academic Assessment Review

Academic Division

College of Business

- Total: 22 plans, 108 components
- Submitted and Reviewed: 108 components
- Completed: 108 components
- Needs Revision: 0 components
- Submitted Late: 0 components
- Status: 100% completed
- Overall Quality of Assessment Plans: 3.00

College of Education

- Total: 17 plans, 82 components
- Submitted and Reviewed: 82 components
- Completed: 82 components
- Needs Revision: 0 components
- Submitted Late: 0 components
- Status: 100% completed
- Overall Quality of Assessment Plans: 3.00

College of Human Sciences and Humanities

- Total: 37 plans, 179 components
- Submitted and Reviewed: 177 components
- Completed: 177 components
- Needs Revision: 2 components (Criminology MA)
- Submitted Late: 2 components (HSH Business)
- Status: 98.9% completed
- Overall Quality of Assessment Plans: 2.94

College of Science and Engineering

- Total: 26 plans, 129 components
- Submitted and Reviewed: 127 components
- Completed: 127 components
- Needs Revision: 2 components (Physics MS)
- Submitted Late: 5 components (Occupational Safety and Health-Industrial Hygiene BS, Occupational Safety and Health-Safety BS, Physics MS)
- Status: 98.5% completed
- Overall Quality of Assessment Plans: 2.83

Workshops 2019-2020

During the university annual assessment period (from May through October), the Office of Planning and Assessment provided virtual training for faculty.

Sessions	# Attending		
One-on-One Training	20	90-120 minute one-on-one training for faculty (academic	
May 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020	20	plans); provided instructions on assessment and creating and completing an assessment plan.	
Tot	al 20		

COVID-19 changed the way assessment training was conducted in the 2020 cycle. In person trainings and workshops were scheduled throughout the academic year but had to be canceled due to the pandemic. In 2021, the Assessment Coordinators will revise the workshop and training schedule to better meet the needs and preferences of the faculty and staff. The number of AMS workshops will be reduced so that Coordinators can spend more time on one-on-one training and offer additional one-on-one workshops in October. The trainings and workshops will be virtual until COVID-19 restrictions end.

Part 2. Assessment Report for FY20-21 Methods in Academic Plans (Fall 20, Spring 21, Summer 21 – Current Academic Year)

Summary and Status of Academic Assessment Review

Academic Division

College of Business – 22 Methods sections

• 22 rolled over

College of Education – 17 Methods sections

• 17 rolled over

College of Human Sciences and Humanities – 37 Methods sections

• 37 rolled over

College of Science and Engineering – 26 Methods sections

• 26 rolled over

Colleges were instructed to review the Methods that were rolled over, make revisions if needed, and submit for review.

Appendix A. Rubrics

Assessment Plan Review Rubric: Program Outcomes

Needs Improvement [1]	Acceptable [2]	Very Good [3]
Program Outcomes are specific statem	ents that focus on operational objectiv	
Describes a process rather than an outcome Unclear how Program Outcome will be observed or measured Number of outcomes are not sufficient nor representative of program or unit Few or none are mapped to University Goal(s)	Some are appropriate but language may be vague or need revision Some are observable or measurable Number of outcomes may be sufficient and representative of program or unit Some are mapped to appropriate University Goal(s)	All or most are clearly stated focusing on academic program or administrative unit development All or most are observable and measurable Number of outcomes are sufficient and representative of program or unit All are mapped to appropriate University Goal(s)
Assessment Methods identify a variety	of assessment methods. Direct measur	es include tangible self-explanatory
	rect measures include surveys, intervie	
evidence that is less clear and convinci		is, or allocassions that provide
Few or no measures are identified or are	Some outcomes have multiple measures	All or most outcomes have multiple
adequately described	Multiple measures are both direct and	measures
Few or no direct measures are used	indirect	Multiple measures are both direct and
Few or no assessment instruments are	Some assessment instruments are clearly	indirect
described or attached	described and attached	All or most assessment instruments are
Assessment instruments need improvement	Some assessment instruments reflect	clearly described and attached
	good methodology	Assessment instruments reflect good
		methodology
	tifiable, or measurable target performa	
No or few benchmarks or targets for	Some target levels of achievement are	Target level of achievement is identified for
achievement are identified	identified	each measure
Targets are not clearly defined; language is	Some targets may seem arbitrary	Measures are specific and measurable
vague and subjective		
	uantifiable data. Indicate specific num	bers and type of what is being assessed
when possible. Incomplete findings		Consistent and multi-second and
Findings do not prove whether targets were	Addresses the achievement targets. Complete and organized	Concise and well organized Provides solid evidence that targets were
met, partially met, or not met	Evaluated with appropriate statistical	met, partially met, or not met
Number and types are not defined	models	Number and types are clearly defined
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Use of Results includes a narrative the	t reflects analysis of results and faculty	v/stakeholder discussion of results as
	tifies strategies for continuous improve	
Too general, not specific	Reflects, with sufficient depth, on what	Reflects on program outcomes
Relates only indirectly to the outcome and	was learned during the assessment cycle	Exhibits good understanding of finding
the results of the outcome	Relates directly or indirectly to the	implications to the program or
	outcome and the results of the assessment	administrative unit
		Identifies key areas that need to be
		monitored, remediated, or enhanced
Status Report documents implementat	tion of continued action or improvement	nts. Describes specific actions (planned
or taken) to improve. Explains reasons	for delay or inaction.	
	Offers "next steps"	Defines a logical "next step" for the
Incomplete or no action plan	oners next steps	
		program in response to the findings

Assessment Plan Review Rubric: Student Learning Outcomes

Needs Improvement [1]	Acceptable [2]	Very Good [3]	
Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) a			
	ould gain or improve their engagement		
experience.			
Describes a process rather than an outcome	Some are appropriate but language may	All or most are clearly stated focusing on	
Inappropriate for level of mastery	be vague or need revision	knowledge, skills, and attitudes or	
Unclear how SLO will be observed or	Some correspond to level of mastery	dispositions	
measured	expected	All or most correspond to level of mastery	
Number of outcomes are not sufficient nor	Some are observable or measurable	expected (BS/BA, MS/MA, EdD)	
representative of program	Number of outcomes may be sufficient	All or most are observable and measurable	
Few or none are mapped to University	and representative of program	Number of outcomes are sufficient and	
Learning Outcome(s)	Some are mapped to appropriate	representative of program	
	University Learning Outcome(s)	All are mapped to appropriate University	
		Learning Outcome(s)	
Assessment Methods identify a variety	of assessment methods. Direct measur	res include tangible, self-explanatory	
evidence of what students are to learn;	indirect measures include surveys, int	terviews, or discussions with students	
that provide evidence that is less clear	and convincing.		
Few or no measures are identified or are	Some outcomes have multiple measures	All or most outcomes have multiple	
adequately described	Multiple measures are both direct and	measures	
Few or no direct measures are used	indirect	Multiple measures are both direct and	
Few or no assessment instruments are	Some assessment instruments are clearly	indirect	
described or attached	described and attached	All or most assessment instruments are	
Assessment instruments need improvement	Some assessment instruments reflect	clearly described and attached.	
	good methodology	Assessment instruments reflect good	
		methodology	
	tifiable, or measurable target perform		
No or few benchmarks or targets for student	Some target levels of achievement are	Target level of achievement is identified for	
learning are identified	identified	each measure	
Targets are not clearly defined; language is	Some targets may seem arbitrary	Measures are specific and measurable	
vague and subjective			
	uantifiable data. Indicate number of st	tudents/papers assessed. Indicate type	
of students of students (sampling/only			
Incomplete findings	Addresses the achievement targets	Concise and well organized	
Findings do not prove whether targets were	Complete and organized	Provides solid evidence that targets were	
met, partially met, or not met	Evaluated with appropriate statistical	met, partially met, or not met	
Number and types of students are not	models	Number and types of students are clearly	
defined	Number or types of students are defined	defined	
	t reflects analysis of results and facult		
they relate to student learning outcom			
	Reflects, with sufficient depth, on what		
Relates only indirectly to the outcome and	was learned during the assessment cycle	Exhibits good understanding of finding	
the results of the outcome	Relates directly or indirectly to the	implications to the academic program	
	outcome and the results of the assessment	Identifies key areas that need to be	
		monitored, remediated, or enhanced	
Status Report documents implementat	ion of continued action or improvement	nts. Describes specific actions (planned	
or taken) to improve. Explains reasons	for delay or inaction.		
Incomplete or no action plan	Offers "next steps"	Defines a logical "next step" for the	
- •	-	program in response to the findings	
		Indicates actions to be taken: dates,	
		responsible parties, resources	

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