

Communication Studies Report SLOAC Review Comments

Thanks for filing an assessment plan with the SLOAC. We have the following comments for you to consider:

1. Were the group members accountable as individuals for their work in the group? This is not clear. They were assessed as individuals, but were they graded as such?
2. Please consider doing some curricular mapping to identify which classes may address your outcomes. For instance, where can you do more formal presentations and writing assignments?
3. Good commentary on how previous changes in curriculum helped improve scores.
4. We are encouraging programs to consider ways of doing more formative assessment instead of relying only on assessment data gained during the senior seminar course. In other words, is there a course that all students take early in their careers where you can gather similar data to compare with students when they are finished with your program. As a related issue, how much do your students know about their scores on assessment? Is there a way for students to “track” their progress through your program on the outcomes. Please consider how you can move your assessment to a deeper level by considering these additions.

We do not need anything more from you for this year. We'll be looking carefully next year at data gathered on outcomes related to your grant.

Your next report will be due on October 31, 2008.

If you wish to apply for an Instructional Improvement Grant, the deadline is January 31, 2008. Complete details are available at www.mnstate.edu/assess, click on Grants.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Jean Sando at sandoje@mnstate.edu.