

Philosophy Plan and Report SLOAC Review Comments

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

Plan Comments

1. No changes in your outcomes, right?
2. Thank you for using multiple evaluators for each of your instruments.
3. Thank you for doing formative assessment in PHIL 407 and 408. I'm assuming students will know their scores on the instrument/evaluation. I would encourage working to develop this type of formative assessment for your other outcomes as well.
4. On the oral presentation rubric, you might split organization and source documentation. Your rubric doesn't really address source citations after the 0 score. Also, how is E different from D? They seem to be very similar.
5. You might consider assessing your portfolio papers as the students complete them to reduce the workload of assessing the entire portfolio at the end. Just a thought to consider.

Report Comments

1. Thank you for completing your grant project. We look forward to seeing the results of your assessment on this outcome. If you have not done so, you might consider ways of introducing the communication elements to your students early in the program.
2. Do you have clear expectations for what to include in the portfolio? You might make this very clear if you do not.
3. My experience with portfolios is that we often make judgments about the student work based on our experience with them and not based on the artifacts included in the portfolio. What guarantees do you have in place to be sure that your analysis is focused on the artifacts and not previous impressions of the student?
4. No action is planned to address any of your results. Do you plan to take action in the future once some trend information is established? What are some changes you anticipate making?

We do not need anything more from you for this year.

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.