

## **Theatre Assessment Plan and Report SLOAC Review Comments**

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

### **Plan**

1. Fundamentally, the committee did not think your approach of “operationalizing” a broad learning outcome into a specific activity/assignment was all that effective. We had a great deal of discussion about this and the consensus was that you did not measure very well what you stated you would measure. Part of the problem may have been in its execution.
2. Specifically, there is no measurement instrument for SLO2.
3. Generally, we are encouraging programs more narrowly defined rubrics that have a smaller range, such as 1-3 or 1-5
4. The link between ACTF and student learning was not understood by the committee. If you wish to submit a grant to fund this travel, the link must be clear. It must be evident how the trip will improve student learning and then you should have the measurement tool to assess whether this improvement worked.

A note from Tim: I’m wondering if you might take this in a totally different direction. Perhaps you could make the public performances by the measurement point for your assessment. You could design a really good rubric and then have many people fill it out—faculty, other students, patrons, etc. That might really identify areas of strengths of weakness. Of course, we’re looking for more than one measure. Perhaps something written or presented in the senior seminar course could also be used.

### **Report**

1. It was noted that “pieces of outcomes were measured with unclear rubrics,” which seems to be at the heart of the problem.

We don’t need to see anything more from you this year. Your next report will be due October 31, 2007. We encourage you to revise your plan in the ways identified prior to gathering data. We’re happy to provide assistance as needed and would like to review any new plan before you gather data.

Grant applications are due Jan. 31, 2007. The form is available at [www.mnstate.edu/assess](http://www.mnstate.edu/assess).

If you have questions at any time, please contact Tim Borchers at [borchers@mnstate.edu](mailto:borchers@mnstate.edu). Thanks!