

## **Computer Science and Computer Information Systems Report SLOAC Review Comments**

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

1. We caution that your sample size is quite small to form a baseline measure. You'll want to have more in your sample or do this several times before you can be confident of a baseline sample.
2. Given the difficulty in establishing a baseline. You might make an estimate as to what you will expect for this year. There is no need to file a revised plan with this information, just include it on next year's reporting form. But it looks as if you are filing a revised plan, so please include this if you do.
3. You mention sampling students. Given your small size, you should probably assess them all. We're not sure what you mean by sampling methods. Please let us know if you would like feedback on your rubric.
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.
5. As you work on ABET accreditation, please contact Dr. Jean Sando. She has some experience with this organization and would be helpful in making recommendations.

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](http://www.mnstate.edu/assess), click on Grants.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Jean Sando at [sandoje@mnstate.edu](mailto:sandoje@mnstate.edu).