

Construction Management Report SLOAC Review Comments

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

1. Thanks for using multiple measures to assess student learning.
2. Are you able to change your outcomes? How does information you gain from industry contacts and your advisory board influence your learning outcomes?
3. Consider submitting a grant application to address one of your areas of weakness. Could software, hardware, and/or faculty development time/training help to improve your scores? Perhaps some surveying equipment?
4. Do you need to test all your students for your accreditation requirements? Why do students not wish to pass the exam? How might you overcome this barrier to valid assessment? Can you?
5. 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.

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.