

**Paralegal Report  
SLOAC Review Comments**

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

1. As we discussed on Dec. 7, please consider making your rubrics more detailed to ensure consistency among the raters and classes. Tim suggested looking at what Business is using as well as what Legal Studies is using for PARA 251.
2. Thanks for pointing out the exhibits that include the data from your assessment methods. The data you've gathered, though, doesn't directly measure student learning the same way that your rubrics will. As you move toward more direct measures for your accrediting agency, please let us know how we can be of help.
3. 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—which may just consist of the Accredited Programs Cover Sheet—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.

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