

## **Health Services Administration Plan and Report SLOAC Review Comments**

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

1. Do you think the GPA measure is providing you with good information? It is not a direct measure of student learning, so we believe there might be stronger measures available. In any case, we do not need to see student names.
2. Please consider using a rubric for your oral and written communication measure. Samples have been provided to you.
3. You might consider how you can use others to help with assessment. Perhaps you could gather data students complete in other courses. We're not exactly sure what to suggest, but as you consider curricular changes, you might keep assessment points and assignments in mind. Jean Sando can work with you and your Dean to suggest some ways of doing assessment that does not rely on one person gathering the data, reporting on it, and making changes as a result.
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.

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. We typically require that programs have data to support their grant. Since you don't have data at this point, it may be difficult to apply for a grant.

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