

## **Economics Report SLOAC Review Comments**

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

1. As you think more about assessment, we'd encourage you to develop more sophisticated methods of assessing your first outcome. Just because students have taken a course, doesn't mean they have learned from it.
2. For your test, it does seem that you could start thinking about some proposed changes in response to your scores. Perhaps just hitting some of those concepts they struggled with more in courses would be a good start.
3. We would like to see some thought as to how you will begin to address some of the lower scores you saw on the research outcome. How will you address those scores?
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. We'll be looking carefully next year at data gathered on outcomes related to your grant.

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.

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