



## Student Affairs Assessment Council

Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

First we want to thank you for the valuable feedback that the Assessment Council received at the Fall Student Affairs Division meeting. We have been looking at your feedback and discussing ways in which we can begin to address the issues that were raised.

Several themes emerged as we reviewed the data but most of the comments involved having more opportunities to talk about assessment, to understand the process, and to find ways in which to incorporate assessment into everyday practices within the department. Additionally, the clear message was that folks want to have these discussions in small groups.

So, the Assessment Council is offering you and your department the following opportunities to engage in these kinds of conversations.

## Opportunities to Engage in Conversations about Assessment in Student Affairs

**1. SMAC Assessment Ambassadors:** These council members are willing to come to your department and facilitate conversations about assessment. This can include question and answer, training on specific assessment practices, group problem-solving, etc. We are committed to trying to provide what you say you want and need in terms of learning resources and opportunities.

The following Assessment Council members have volunteered to be contacted directly to set up a meeting time, determine needs, etc. They may also enlist the help of other Assessment Council members as the need arises.

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**2. First Discussion Group:** Wednesday, November 16 from 9:30-10:30 in the MU Council room, we will be engaging in discussions about how to get started with assessment, looking at missions, goals, and outcomes. Anyone is welcome to join this conversation.

**3. On-Line Resource:** An OSU Assessment Handbook has been compiled and is the summation of many things that we have learned as we have been in the assessment process. It is brief, gives the basics, and has some helpful advice, formats, etc. for those of you that like to have something to look at. The Assessment Handbook can be located on the Web at: [http://oregonstate.edu/admin/student\\_affairs/research/com\\_assessment\\_planning.html](http://oregonstate.edu/admin/student_affairs/research/com_assessment_planning.html)

**4. Department Head Conversations About Assessment**  
Department Heads sometimes have specific challenges when beginning to implement assessment in their departments. These conversations will provide a place to learn more about assessment, to engage in collaboration, and to learn from colleagues about the trials, tribulations, and "joy" of assessment. Contact: Rebecca Sanderson if you are interested. [Rebecca.sanderson@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Rebecca.sanderson@oregonstate.edu)