



Research Brief

Title Program Review and SLO Processes Survey

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Following the spring semester Program Review reports, a brief survey was sent to those people who had participated (n=22) to gather information regarding the processes used for both Program Review and SLO Assessment. Following is a summary of the information provided. For this initial report, it should be noted that the sample is quite small and, therefore, the data is not as stable as it could be. However, as this survey is given each term, it will be aggregated and analyzed as a whole as well as by the term. In doing it this way, both similarities and differences among groups going through Program Review at the same time may emerge.

Program Review:

	Exceeds Expectation		Meets Expectations		Needs Improvement	
Timelines for completing the writing of your program's last program review report were manageable.	4	40%	6	60%	-	-
The latest handbook template was easy to use.	4	40%	6	60%	-	-
Data you need to complete your report is easy to attain.	2	20%	4	40%	4	40%
Resources you need to understand the program review process are easy to attain.	3	30%	7	70%	-	-
The program review process is sufficiently communicated.	6	60%	4	40%	-	-
The linking of program review to budget is sufficiently communicated.	2	20%	6	60%	2	20%

The data reveals that generally people seemed satisfied with the Program Review process. The area that needs improvement appears to be in gathering the data needed for review and linking budget to Program Review.

When asked to comment on how to improve the Program review process, comments included needing to have connections to other processes made clearer and concern over a lack of response to the draft reports in a timely fashion. It was also noted that comments returned with the drafts were often vague and inconsistent from one report to the other.

SLO Assessment:

	Exceeds Expectation		Meets Expectations		Needs Improvement	
Timelines for completing the writing of your program's SLO assessments are manageable.	4	40%	6	60%	-	-
The SLO Assessment Reporting forms are easy to use.	10	10%	6	60%	3	30%
Data you need to complete your report is easy to attain.	1	10%	5	50%	4	40%
Resources you need to understand the SLO Assessment process are easy to attain.	3	30%	7	70%	-	-
The SLO assessment process is sufficiently communicated.	3	30%	7	70%	-	-
The linking of SLO assessments to program review is sufficiently communicated.	3	30%	6	60%	1	10%

Once again, people were generally satisfied with this process. However, it is noted that data acquisition is once again difficult to attain. It is also noted that the reporting forms have mixed reviews regarding ease of use. These areas need to be monitored for improvement over the next several semesters. It also might be prudent to ask specifically what can be done to ease this area of the process.

When asked for suggestions to improve the SLO Assessment process, one comment mentioned that the evaluation of the assessment results needs to be more meaningful while another indicated an improved understanding of the process.