Assessment Fellows Program An Inside-Out Approach

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Historical Perspective

2007 The Center for Institutional Effectiveness (CIE) established

- Facilitates and supports
 - Institutional Research
 - Strategic Planning
 - Assessment





You want me to do what????



Current Structure

2008 Vice President Leads CIE

Assessment Fellow Position Created:

Seven Assessment Fellows



What is the overall purpose of the job?



Current Structure

- Four Academic Assessment Fellows
 - Work with department assessment liaisons (coordinate program assessment project)



Academic Program Assessment

- Identifying Program Learning Outcomes
- Designing the Assessment Project
- Selecting Assessment Methods
- Analyzing and Reporting Results
- Evaluating the Process



Current Structure

- Three Administrative & Educational Support (AES) Fellows
 - Work one-on-one with area leaders
 - (e.g. Registration, Financial Aid, Continuing Education, Library, Tutoring Center, etc.)



Administrative & Educational Support Assessment

- Identifying Departmental/Unit Outcomes
- Designing the Assessment Project
- Selecting Assessment Methods
- Analyzing and Reporting Results
- Evaluating the Process



What are the main tasks of the job?



Role of Assessment Fellows

- Create and Present Assessment Workshops
- Write and Update Assessment Handbook
- Attend Learning Assessment Committee
 Meetings
- Participate in Yearly Meta-Analysis of Assessment Reports
- Publish Bi-Annual Newsletter



What qualifications are required?



Why The Assessment Fellow Program Works

- Driven by Faculty and Staff
- Strong Institutional Support
- Established Foundation (CIE)
- Systematic Approach
- Dedicated Fellows
- Structure allows for continuity, flexibility, and improvement



Challenges





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- Fear
- Consistency of Reports
- Lack of Understanding
- Resistance to Change







Thank you!

