

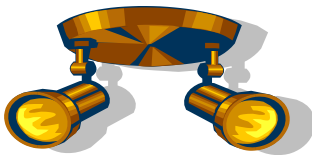


Assessment Times

IN THE SPOTLIGHT ~ ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE

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USM Assessment Convening at BSU



Dr. Natasha Jankowski

On April 19, 2017 Bowie State University hosted the USM’s Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation and the USM Advisory Board for Graduate Education’s system-wide convening on student learning outcomes assessment. Approximately 140 participants attended the conference, including 44 BSU faculty members. This represents about one-fifth of BSU’s full-time faculty members.

National assessment experts Natasha Jankowski (National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment) and Daniel Denecke (Council of Graduate Schools) led discussions about learning outcomes assessment across general education, undergraduate degree programs, graduate programs, and the co-curriculum.



Dr. Daniel Denecke

Breakout sessions included tools and strategies for improving outcomes assessment at student, course, program, and institutional levels and for building a culture of assessment at institutions.

Dr. Becky Verzinski, Assistant VP for Assessment, and Ms. Gayle Fink, Assistant VP for Institutional Effectiveness, served as co-chairs of the conference planning committee. BSU was pleased to host this important state-wide assessment event in collaboration with the University System of Maryland.



Excellence In Assessment Application Update

The Center for Academic Programs Assessment (CAPA) submitted an application for Excellence In Assessment (EIA) to the National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment (NILOA) in April 2017. This is a very selective award, with only a handful of designations given out each year. While BSU did not receive the designation, the review committee cited a number of strong assessment practices related to academic programs at Bowie State University. Compiling the extensive and wide-ranging assessment application provided an excellent opportunity for self-study of the assessment structure on campus. This process of looking broadly at assessment practices, programs and policies on campus is particularly helpful in preparing for the upcoming BSU Middle States self-study in fall 2018.



On The Horizon:

In fall 2017, the Center for Academic Programs Assessment is gearing up to conduct the HEIghten and WAVES national pilot studies of student critical thinking and writing skills, civic engagement, and intercultural competency. BSU is one of several universities participating in these national studies, supported by US Department of Education and Educational Testing Services.

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★ human being can attain ★
★ is learning for ★
★ understanding, because ★
★ to understand is to be ★
★ free.” ★
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Summer 2017 Faculty Assessment Awards

The Center for Academic Programs Assessment (CAPA) was pleased to present faculty assessment awards to programs which showed excellence in academic assessment practices at the developing, intermediate, and advanced levels. The award winners were determined through feedback from the University Student Learning Assessment Committee (USLAC) members. The awards are presented at the summer Faculty Institute every other year. Congratulations to all of the winners!



Theatre Arts



Early Childhood & Special Education



Psychology



Elementary & Secondary Education



Business



Child & Adolescent Studies



Sociology

KUDOS KORNER

Expert Panel Participation - BSU Assistant Vice President for Assessment, Dr. Becky Verzinski, was invited to participate as a member of a panel of experts at the National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment (NILOA) conference in Indianapolis. In October, she and other panelists will be discussing best practices to improve student learning and assessment at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). NILOA is dedicated to discovering and disseminating ways that academic programs and institutions can productively use assessment data to improve student learning.