What is WEAVEonline® (and why do we need to use it)?

1. WEAVEonline® is a web-based assessment system that will help us manage the Mason academic program review process as well as prepare for regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It provides an online organizational system for planning, documenting, storing data and reporting on Mason's academic and administrative programs and institutional priorities.

2. Mason’s self-study report for SACS is due in September 2010. All university units, including academic, administrative and support units, must identify their goals, how they are assessing them and how that information is used to improve programs. All units must have their mission statement, learning or program outcomes, and assessment plans in WEAVE by spring 2008. Visit http://weave.gmu.edu for the most up to date timeline.

3. Programs with specialized accreditation also need to complete goals, outcomes, assessments and use of assessments in WEAVE following the same timeline found at: http://weave.gmu.edu. Usually elements of the specialized accrediting process include the data needed for SACS, and can be pasted into WEAVE from current reports.

4. SACS considers reflection of the institutional mission in the institution’s programs very important, so these connections should be evident. Use of WEAVE will help demonstrate that for SACS purposes.

5. WEAVE generates reports that can be used for multiple departmental purposes. They provide a valuable tool for ongoing program assessment.

Mason’s WEAVE website

The Office of Institutional Assessment is available to assist all university units in using WEAVE. We offer WEAVE Technology Training workshops throughout the semester, in addition to Learning and Program Outcomes workshops.

All university units have WEAVE liaisons to help facilitate the use of WEAVE. A list of unit liaisons and additional WEAVE information can be found at: http://weave.gmu.edu.

Contact OIA
To learn more about assessment, or to register for one of our workshops, visit: http://assessment.gmu.edu

Do you have questions or ideas for future newsletters?
Do you have any comments about WEAVEonline?
Please submit feedback to Karen Rodriguez, Eye on Assessment Editor krodrig5@gmu.edu 703-993-8834 MSN: 3D2
Ask Assessment

Common WEAVEonline Questions

Q: How do I get a password?
A. On the WEAVE log-in page, http://www.weaveonline.net/subscriber/gmu/, use your GMU email ID as your WEAVE user ID; then click “Forgot Password.” A password will be sent to your GMU email account.

Q: When I try to log-in, why am I told that I'm not associated with any programs?
A. The WEAVE database was populated with a list of faculty & staff. This list did not include programs; only names. Just send your liaison an email to associate you with your program. A list of liaisons can be found at: http://weave.gmu.edu/liaisons.cfm.

Q: Why am I not able to edit any information in my program?
A. Only certain faculty & staff were given editing or “write” access. If you need write access, please contact your department’s WEAVE liaison or send us an email: weave@gmu.edu.

Q: What do I need to enter in the Outcomes/Objectives section?
A. In this section, academic units will enter at least three student learning outcomes and administrative units will enter at least three program outcomes. Information on outcomes (including archived unit goals) and other assessment information can be found in the Resources section of our website: http://assessment.gmu.edu. In addition, OIA offers learning and program outcomes workshops.

Upcoming Workshops

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Visit our website regularly to see what workshops have been added to the schedule!

Register online for our workshops @ http://assessment.gmu.edu/workshops.cfm

Data Quotes

The preliminary results for the 2007 Graduate Student Exit Survey are in! The survey had a high overall response rate of 87%. At the time of graduation:

♦ 94% were satisfied or very satisfied with their overall Mason experiences.
♦ 93% agreed or strongly agreed that their academic program provided a good preparation for their future career; 89% agreed or strongly agreed that their program provided a good preparation for their future personal and civic life.
♦ 81% of the doctoral degree recipients said Mason was their first choice among all the graduate schools they considered—the highest percentage since 2004.
♦ 20% of the master’s degree recipients and 44% of the doctoral degree recipients were over the age of 40.
♦ 37% of the master’s degree recipients graduated with no educational debt and 15% had a debt over $20,000; 55% of the doctoral degree recipients had no educational debt and 21% had a debt over $20,000.

For more results & reports (including customized reports for degree programs), go to: http://assessment.gmu.edu/Results/index.html.

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