Annual Assessment Report for Spring 2011

For the last three years, all academic and non-academic units have been reporting on student learning and/or program outcomes each year. This academic year, 2010-11, will complete the cycle of annual reporting. For this spring, we will continue to use WEAVEonline® as the repository for assessment information.

For 2010-11, outcome assessment reports for degree programs, administrative units, and support units are due June 15, 2011. You may choose to repeat assessments done previously in order to have a more complete database for decision-making or you may choose to assess new or different outcomes.

Academic Units
As in the past, reports must include the results of at least 3 student learning outcomes. Undergraduate programs that have not assessed writing within the last five years should include writing as one of their outcomes. You are also encouraged to consider an assessment of critical thinking. Further, in keeping with the QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan), you may want to include an assessment of student research/creative activities.

Administrative & Support Units
Reports must include the results of at least 3 student learning or program outcomes.

New Assessment Reporting System in Fall 2011

After listening to concerns about issues related to navigating WEAVEonline®, we began development of a more user-friendly system. Feedback and comments from faculty and staff were very useful during this phase.

Internal testing of MATS is nearly complete and we are now ready to move to the user testing phase. Select academic and administrative units will be piloting the system this spring. Please be assured, that even as we move to the new system this coming fall, the Office of Institutional Assessment will maintain WEAVEonline® reports and MATS will include the mission, outcomes and measures from your last entries in WEAVEonline®

New 3-Year Cycle begins in Fall 2011

Assessment cycles in MATS will be open for a 3-year time frame beginning in fall 2011.

Academic Units
All degree programs will be included in the MATS reporting cycles; this includes the reporting of distance education* and certificate** assessment. Academic Program Review reporting will be done in MATS as well.

* Additional information will be forthcoming.
** See back page.

Assessment Schedule Overview

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Update on Certificates and Assessment Reporting in MATS by June 15, 2012

The following applies, as noted, to all certificate programs in all academic units whether reviewed under Mason’s Academic Program Review schedule or an external accrediting agency.

All Units included in Mason’s Academic Program Review (regardless of APR due date)

♦ By June 15, 2012 report in MATS:
  ◆ The purpose of the certificate(s)
  ◆ The types of students in the certificate program(s) (e.g. degree-seeking)
  ◆ Program outcomes (at least one for each certificate)
  ◆ Student learning outcomes (at least one for each certificate)

♦ Assess all certificates within the Academic Program Review cycle, i.e. every 7 years.

All Units not in Mason’s Academic Program Review

♦ By June 15, 2012 report in MATS:
  ◆ The purpose of the certificate(s)
  ◆ The types of students in the certificate program(s) (e.g. degree-seeking)
  ◆ Program outcomes (at least one for each certificate)
  ◆ Student learning outcomes (at least one for each certificate)

♦ Assess all certificates every 7 years and report the results of the assessment in MATS, beginning in June 2015.

New Certificate Proposals

♦ Please include
  ◆ The purpose of the certificate
  ◆ The types of students expected in the certificate program (e.g. degree-seeking)
  ◆ Program outcomes (at least one)
  ◆ Student learning outcomes (at least one)
  ◆ The plan for assessment

Upcoming Assessment Workshops*

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*Register online for our workshops at https://assessment.gmu.edu/workshops.cfm

Online Results and Reports

Visit https://assessment.gmu.edu to find survey results and assessment reports. New reports include:

♦ Careers of Mason Graduates: Results from the 2007-2010 Career Census and the 2010 One Year Out Survey
♦ In Focus: Law Student Exit Survey, Trend Report 2007-2010

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