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University Assessment Steering Committee

Panel Discussion

Friday, April 21

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Fetzer Center

Putney Hall
Room 1010

The University Assessment Steering Committee is hosting a panel discussion to exchange ideas, successes, problems and concerns about assessment.

Departmental assessment committees, faculty, and anyone interested in discussing assessment should attend.

These topics have been suggested by various departments and will serve as starting points to spring us into discussion:

Creating Assessment Plans

- How do we engage faculty in the process and maintain momentum?
- Where do we go for help and guidance?
- What happens if we have no data to report? We are just now collecting/analyzing.
- In what ways do assessment and accreditation fit together?
- How can TracDat be useful?

Assessment Plan Results

- Do chairs/deans fully realize or appreciate the amount and importance of the work done by local assessment leaders?
- How do we represent assessment in the faculty portfolio?
- Can we change our Assessment Plan and how do we do this?
- How does the Dean's Annual Assessment Report reflect the work of assessment within the unit?
- What kind of feedback would be helpful after the Dean's Annual Assessment report?

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