2017-2018 Assessment Cycle VPE_Orientation

Mission (due 12/4/17)

University Mission

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette offers an exceptional education informed by diverse worldviews grounded in tradition, heritage, and culture. We develop leaders and innovators who advance knowledge, cultivate aesthetic sensibility, and improve the human condition.

University Values

We strive to create a community of leaders and innovators in an environment that fosters a desire to advance and disseminate knowledge. We support the mission of the university by actualizing our core values of equity, integrity, intellectual curiosity, creativity, tradition, transparency, respect, collaboration, pluralism, and sustainability.

University Vision

We strive to be included in the top 25% of our peer institutions by 2020, improving our national and international status and recognition.

College / VP and Program / Department Mission

Mission of College or VP-area

Provide the mission for the College or VP-area in the space provided. If none is available, write "None Available in 2017-2018."

Mission of Program / Department

Provide the program / department mission in the space provided. The mission statement should concisely define the purpose, functions, and key constituents. If none is available, write "None Available in 2017-2018."

The mission of the Office of Orientation, in support of the mission of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the Division of Enrollment Management is to:

- · Aid new undergraduate students in their preparation to become contributing members of the campus community
- Foster a parent-student partnership and provide information to assist parents in helping their students' successfully transition to the university
- Support service learning, team building, leadership skill development, campus engagement and Ragin' Cajun spirit
- Provide select current student mentors with leadership and professional development opportunities

Attachment (optional)

Upload any documents which support the program / department assessment process.

Assessment Plan (due 12/4/17)

Assessment Plan (Goals / Objectives, Assessment Measures and Criteria for Success)

Assessment List

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Program / Department Assessment Narrative

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- 1) What strategies exist to assess the outcomes?
- 2) What does the program/department expect to achieve with the goals and objectives identified above?
- 3) How might prior or current initiatives (improvements) influence the anticipated outcomes this year?
- 4) What is the plan for using data to improve student learning and/or operations?
- 5) How will data be shared within the Program/Department (and, where appropriate, the College/VP-area)?

Assessment Process

(1) The overall goal of our assessment efforts is to reflect on our Student and Parent Orientation and SOUL Camp surveys to identify areas of underperformance and determine strategies for improvement in these areas. (2) For the goals set in 2018, we expect to achieve an overall enhanced experience for Parents and Guests by providing them more exposure to current students helping to answer their specific questions about their own student's experience. We aim to continue to improve in the way of educating new students on ULink and course registration, leading to students achieving successful class schedules and improving their opportunities for retention and graduation. We strive for SOUL Camp attendees to have a deeper connection to campus, including campus resources regarding safety and security. (3) We expect that through the creation of Parent Orientation Leaders, strategic training in campus resources relating to safety and security and continued training in ULink resources and course registration improvements our student staff will provide critical knowledge to help students and parents successfully transition into the university and remain successful during their years at UL Lafayette. (4) As survey data is collected during the summer of 2018, we will evaluate that the data is on track to meet the goals set. If the data is identifying an issue, we will meet as a Professional Staff and Student Leadership Staff to brainstorm ways to improve the outcomes. (5) Data is shared annually within the Professional and Student Leadership Staff to aid in making planning improvements to our programs. Data is also shared with the Vice President of Enrollment Management.

Results & Improvements (due 9/15/18)

Results and Improvement Narratives

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Reflection (Due 9/15/18)

Reflection

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1) How were assessment results shared in the program / department?

Please select all that apply. If "other", please use the text box to elaborate. Distributed via email
Presented formally at staff / department / committee meetings (selected)
Discussed informally
Other (explain in text box below)

2) How frequently were assessment results shared?

Frequently (>4 times per cycle)
Periodically (2-4 times per cycle)
Once per cycle (selected)
Results were not shared this cycle

3) With whom were assessment results shared?

Please select all that apply.
Department Head (selected)
Dean / Asst. or Assoc. Dean
Departmental assessment committee
Other faculty / staff (selected)

4) Consider the impact of prior applied changes. Specifically, compare current results to previous results to evaluate the impact of a previously reported change. Demonstrate how the use of results improved student learning and/or operations.

Since the Parent Orientation Leaders and the SOUL Camp Safety Presentation were new achievements for this year, this answer will focus on the goal of educating the Student Orientation Staff (SOS) in the functionality of ULink and effective course registration strategies so that freshmen have a positive experience with course registration at Orientation. In 2013, when data collection began for this survey question, SOS were not specifically educated in how to train students in ULink. The assumption was that since SOS were continuing students, they understood how to use ULink and understood how to teach incoming students in how to register for classes. In 2013, the survey results for "Understand how to use ULink" were 4.31/5.0 and "Understand how to register using ULink" were 4.34/5.0. With the introduction of the new Banner portal, the survey results were as follows: "Understand how to use ULink" were 4.37/5.0 and "Understand how to register using ULink" were 4.40/5.0. Based on student feedback, we realized that course registration training was not as straightforward as we hoped due to the design of the Banner system (pre-requisite errors, etc.). Because of this, the Office of Orientation implemented a training session with the Registrar's Office to teach the staff best practices in how to educate new students in ULink and course registration. Since this training began, the survey results have increased (2016 vs. 2018) from 4.37 to 4.51 for "Understand how to use ULink" and from 4.40 to 4.50 for "Understand how to register using ULink". Through the ULink training, SOS not only better understood the system, but also understood the importance of successful course registration for new student matriculation and retention. This year, we asked one additional guestion on the orientation survey to more thoroughly evaluate SOS's performance: "My Student Orientation Staff Leaders helped me understand ULink and how to register for classes". This survey question scored a 4.74/5.0. With the improvement in our survey data, and with the development of the course registration system with each Banner update, we will continue to invite the Registrar's Office to join our staff each spring to train the team in ULink functionality.

5) Over the past three assessment cycles, what has been the overall impact of "closing the loop"? Provide examples of improvements in student learning, program quality, or department operations that are directly linked to assessment data and follow-up analysis.

For the 2015-2016 Assessment Cycle, the goal to improve students' knowledge of ULink and course registration was not met. We realized that issues such as pre-requisite and co-requisite errors made course registration frustrating for new students and our Student Orientation Staff (SOS). The next year, we really focused on training SOS in how to effectively work through these errors. We also invited the Registrar's Office and Academic Advisors to join us in the computer labs during course registration at orientation to assist in overriding errors. The SOS training and support staff in the computer labs helped to smooth the course registration process. This resulted in an improvement in the survey results, but our assessment goal was still not achieved as our scores still fell below 2015 (pre-Banner) results. This past year, we continued to have the Registrar's Office come to train the team, but we also thoroughly evaluated the Leadership Team member presentation which trained our staff in how to teach incoming students the functionality of ULink, Moodle and Banner. We focused on helping the staff present ULink in the most straightforward and effective way possible. All of these efforts; continued course registration training by the Registrar's Office, improved ULink training by the Leadership Team and having Registrar's Office staff and Academic Advisors in the computer labs have helped us to finally achieve this goal for the 2017-2018 Assessment Cycle.

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