

Institutional Effectiveness Weekly Report



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

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Outcome 1

The Office of Planning and Assessment will contribute to Texas Tech University's ongoing compliance with all external accrediting agencies and State of Texas mandates.

HB 2504 Update

Spring semester began on Wednesday, January 12th and the HB 2504 Compliance deadline is Thursday, January 20th. Digital Measures is now named Faculty Success, and we will be communicating the name change through Summer while still using the Digital Measures name in parentheses.

Over the past year, OPA has been working to update the Faculty Success import query to apply a number of quality-of-life improvements, especially as they pertain to annual faculty reports and data accuracy.

Of our top priority updates, OPA and ADS have developed a more dynamic query that will continue to update certain metrics, such as Enrollment for courses, as well as an improved drop-off script for courses that are canceled, change attributes, or change instructor-of-record. We have still needed to correct some Spring 2021 enrollment numbers but have seen no Summer or Fall enrollment updates.

As of January 12th, TTU has 8049 sections and is missing about 2846 syllabi, though many of these will be removed for 0% instructors. This places our missing syllabi at 35.3%, which is about as expected for this time of the school year.

OPA will send a reminder email to faculty missing syllabi before emailing instructors and Chairs next week. A final report of missing syllabi will be created and sent to Deans on January 21st.

There have been some issues with the DM import query this term, partially due to the changes we have been implementing throughout the Fall term. Primarily, we have seen some

connectivity issues, so faculty are encouraged to try logging in through the OPA DM website or through RaiderLink after a few minutes if they reach an error message. If issues still arise, opa.support@ttu.edu is monitored daily.

Update on Student Support Level Institutional Effectiveness Committee Meeting

The Committee, consisting of 10 representatives from across the university, held their first bi-annual meeting of 2022 this week. The Committee serves as an advisory role to guide OPA in effective and representative assessment of all non-academic departments.

During this meeting, Kara updated the Committee about the changes that had been made in the annual assessment report. These changes primarily reflected a more business-centered terminology, which better represents the processes and practices in our non-academic departments, than the previous more academic-centered terminology. The information about these changes was greatly welcomed. There is consensus that the new forms will help the departments more accurately demonstrate their impact on students.

The second purpose for this meeting is to begin the SSL Assessment Plan Reviews. All members participated in a simple training session about how to use the SSL Assessment Rubric. Members have until March 1st to conduct 7-8 reflections on their peer SSL departments.



Texas Tech University faculty and staff will be well-prepared to meet OPA's faculty credentialing, assessment, and strategic plan expectations.

Letter to Students About Student Learning Outcomes

OPA staff are preparing a letter to send to the TTU student body regarding marketable skills and the student learning outcomes that are associated with their respective degree program. OPA is working with IT to create this message, which will be disseminated the third week of classes.

OPA's Spring 2022 Professional Development Offerings

OPA is currently organizing the Spring 2022 OPA Learning Series and OPA Coffee Breaks professional development offerings. Details are still being finalized as far as topics and dates, but each presentation will be offered virtually to account for continued concerns surrounding COVID-19 as well as due to

feedback received from the fall lineup. Preliminary topics are described below, and OPA hopes to have a spring schedule finalized by the end of the month.

- The January Learning Series presentation will be Kenny Shatley providing an overview of Annual Faculty Reports.
- The February Learning Series presentation will be Bryson Carroll discussing data from the Spring 2021 NSSE administration.
- The April Learning Series presentation will be Jennifer Hughes discussing changes to the SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation including upcoming planning for the 2025 QEP.
- Spring Coffee Breaks speakers are being recruited, but topics hoped to be covered are assessing student retention, preparing culturally responsive Family and Consumer Sciences teachers, and a degree program rubric redesign.



Outcome 3

The Office of Planning and Assessment will continually monitor the university's compliance with laws, policy statements, and policies deriving from the State of Texas, THECB, and SACSCOC.

Business Coordinator Hiring Update

OPA is close to finalizing the Business Coordinator hiring process. A final candidate was selected, and the candidate is currently completing the required TTU background check process.