

Institutional Effectiveness Weekly Report



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

October 9, 2020

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.

January 2021 HB 2504 Certification Letter

January 1, 2021 is the deadline for TTU to report on compliance with House Bill 2504. As no major changes to House Bill have been made in recent years, we expect to have a drafted letter with updated recipients ready by Thanksgiving. In addition to the letter, Shatley will prepare a one-page report that documents TTU's continued compliance with this legislation. OPA held a meeting this morning to prepare the letter for review, and we expect to contact the Provost (via Dr. James) for his original signature early next week.

Scholarly Messenger Update

Digital Measures has implemented updated features for the October 5th NSF Biosketch release, which requires submitters to use a new biosketch format. We have been in contact with DM and ORI regarding these changes. The feature allows for quick export of DM-stored data in the format and style required by NSF. While the feature may not be useful for all faculty, it will certainly provide more convenient and time-saving benefits to NSF submitters.

OPA has requested that the DM feature be announced in an upcoming Scholarly Newsletter. Before we announce any new changes, it has been requested that individuals from ORI and ORS view the DM output and make alterations to the

form by providing additional links or information. We hope this will be an excellent opportunity for more collaboration between our offices.



Outcome 2

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

October Blog Post Update


OPA is currently drafting the October blog post for our departmental website. This blog post will discuss the core curriculum and how it is assessed at TTU. We expect the post to be complete by mid-October, and content will be shared to faculty via email announcement.

Update on SACSCOC Fifth Year Report Activity Week of October 5

Below is a summary of this week's accomplishments regarding our preparation for the Fifth Year Report:

- Callison and Hall collaborated with Hughes to finalize evidence for 10.2 (Public Information). We expect to complete minor editing of 10.2 by the end of next week, which will complete this response.
- Hughes received final edits on Standard 6.1 (Full-time Faculty) from Dr. Stewart and Dr. James. These edits will be incorporated into a single document by the end of next week.
- Hughes is nearly complete with Standard 6.2.b (Sufficiency of Full-time Faculty to Lead Educational Programs), which will be distributed to Dr. Stewart next week. Hall is finishing an Excel document that compares full-time faculty to part-time faculty for all 236 TTU degree programs. This document will be a primary piece of evidence for 6.2.b.
- Standard 9.2 (Program Length) is uploaded and linked in iWebfolio.

- A committee meeting for 10.9 (Academic Agreements) is scheduled for Monday, October 12. The committee will consider the latest draft of the narrative.
- Spradlin continues to work on refining 8.1 (Student Achievement). Specifically, she is drafting justification statements to include within the current document draft.



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.

SECC Office Efforts

The Office of Planning and Assessment is engaged in the university's State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC). We are participating in monthly office-wide "Sonic SECC Drinks" by donating a dollar of our drink receipt to SECC. Our student assistant, Lauren Hall, is also planning an office pumpkin decorating contest. Proceeds from the decorating contest will be donated to the SECC campaign. While we know these are challenging times for our community, we are making small contributions that will benefit TTU and the university's SECC efforts. The campaign closes October 31, 2020.