

SAUM Assessment Workshops

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Four multi-session assessment workshops were conducted by SAUM in conjunction with the MAA PREP Program. Each workshop comprised two or three sessions for a total of four to six days. Colleges and universities were invited to nominate teams to participate in the workshop series. The workshop provided support to the members of the teams to help them lead their departments in the conceptualization, formulation, and implementation of assessment activities for some component of their academic programs.

Typically, prior to the first session the teams prepared a short description of the assessment program that was either planned or in progress at the team's home department. During the first session participants considered many aspects of assessment and heard from others with extensive experience in assessment, including Bernard Madison, Lynn Steen, and Peter Ewell, as well as individuals who served as mentors at various workshops: Bonnie Gold, Sandra Keith, Bill Marion, Bill Martin, Kathy Stafford-Ramus, and Rick Vaughn. A number of these individuals were participants in one workshop series and then served as mentors in subsequent workshop series.

Workshop participants formalized the next steps in the assessment process and agreed on benchmarks to meet before the subsequent workshop session. The participating teams also made commitments to add their experiences to the developing literature. Indeed a large number of the SAUM Case Studies reported in this volume came from work that was initiated during the SAUM/PREP workshops.

As a part of the formative evaluation of the workshop series, Peter Ewell reported on an open discussion held at the conclusion of a joint session of two of the workshop series. He stated that "participants who spoke were overwhelmingly satisfied with the experience, citing that it had enabled them to make real progress in building an assessment project at the departmental level on their own campuses and find colleagues elsewhere who could support them."

As Ewell noted, participants also reported that:

- Multiple workshops meant that participants could learn things, go back to their campuses and apply them, then return to demonstrate and share. Virtually everyone who provided comments on the multiple-workshop design maintained that a format featuring several encounters over time provided a far better learning experience than a "one-shot" workshop.
- The need to present campus progress at each workshop provided peer pressure to keep the process moving. Teams knew that they were going to have to present something publicly, so worked hard to have progress to report.

- Working with other campuses helped build a feeling of being part of a larger “movement” that had momentum.
- The workshop helped legitimize the work of developing assessment at participating campuses when the team got to work back home. The sense of being part of a larger, recognized, NSF-funded project was important in convincing others that this effort was important.

A prerequisite for participation was that teams agreed to share what they learned from others. Members of workshop teams listed below can be considered good sources of information and consultation for others interested in learning more about assessment.

Workshop Number 1

- January 10–11, 2002; San Diego, Calif.
- May 22–25, 2002; Richmond, Virginia
- January 19–20, 2003; Towson, Maryland

Allegheny College

Team: Ronald Harrell, Tamara Lakins

Canisius College

Team: Chris Kinsey, Dietrich Kuhlmann

Cloud County Community College

Team: Tim Warkentin, Mark Whisler

Houston Community College

Team: Jacqueline Giles, Cheryl Peters

Jacksonville University

Team: Robert Hollister, Marcelle Bessman

Mount Mary College

Team: Abdel Naser Al-Hasan, Patricia Jaberg

North Dakota State University

Team: Jorge Calvo, Dogan Comez, William Martin

Paradise Valley Community College

Team: Rick Vaughn, Larry Burgess

Portland State University

Team: Paul Latiolais, Karen Marrongele, Jeanette Palmiter

Saint Peter’s College

Team: Brian Hopkins, Eileen Poiani, Katherine Stafford-Ramus

United States Military Academy

Team: Alex Heidenberg, Mike Huber, Joseph Meyers, Kathleen Snook, Frank Wattenberg

University of Arizona

Team: Pallavi Jayawant, David Lomen, Peter Wiles

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Team: James Fulmer, Thomas McMillan

University of Central Oklahoma

Team: David Bolivar, Carol Lucas

University of Texas System

Team: D. L. Hawkins, Jerry Mogilskj, Betty Travis

Virginia Commonwealth University

Team: Aimee Ellington, Reuben Farley, Kim Jones

Workshop Number 2

- July 29–31, 2002 Burlington, Vermont
- January 19–20, 2003 Towson, Maryland
- January 7, 2004, Phoenix, Arizona

Arapahoe Community College

Team: Jeff Berg, Erica Johnson

Columbia College

Team: Nieves McNulty

Keene State College

Team: Vince Ferlini, Dick Jardine

Long Island University, Southampton

Team: Russell Myers

Mercer University

Team: Tony Weathers

Mitchell College

Team: Ann Keating

North Carolina State University

Team: Jeff Scroggs

Pomona College

Team: Everett Bull, Shahriar Sharhari

South Dakota State University

Team: Dan Kemp, Ken Yokom

University of Nevada, Reno

Team: Jerry Johnson, Ed Keppelman

Workshop Number 3

- March 14–16, 2003, Phoenix, Arizona
- January 5–7, 2004, Phoenix, Arizona

Arizona Western University

Team: Leroy Cavanaugh, Brian Karasek, Daniel Russow

Colorado Schools of Mines

Team: Barbara Moskal, Alyn Roskwood

Eastern New Mexico University

Team: Regina Aragon, Tom Brown, John George

James Madison University

Team: David Carothers, Robert Hanson

Kirkwood Community College*Team:* David Keller, John Weglarz**Point Loma Nazarene University***Team:* Jesus Jimenez, Maria Zack**Regis University***Team:* Richard Blumenthal, Carmen Johansen, Mohamed Lofty, Jennifer Mauldin**Rhode Island College***Team:* James Schaefer**Rhodes State College***Team:* Judy Giffin, Mary Ann Hovis**San Jose State University***Team:* Trisha Bergthold, Ho Kuen Ng**University of Arkansas at Little Rock***Team:* Melissa Hardeman, Tracy Watson**University of Wisconsin Oshkosh***Team:* John Koker, Jennifer Szydluk., Steve Szydluk**Washburn University***Team:* Sarah Cook, Donna LaLonde**West Virginia University***Team:* Eddie Fuller, James Miller**Workshop Number 4**

- March 5–8, 2004, High Point, NC
- January 8–10, 2005, Atlanta, GA
- January 10–11, 2006, San Antonio, TX

American University*Team:* Virginia Stallings, Matt Pascal, Dan Kalman**Belmont University***Team:* Mary Goodloe, Barbara Ward, Mike Pinter**Centenary College of Louisiana***Team:* Mark Schlatter, Derrick Head**Clayton College, State University***Team:* Nathan Borchelt, Weihu Hong**College of St. Benedict/St. John's University***Team:* Jennifer Galovich, Kristin Nairn, Gary Brown**College of St. Catherine***Team:* Suzanne Molnar, Dan O'Loughlin, Adele Rothan**College of Wooster***Team:* James Hartman, Pamela Pierce**Emporia State University***Team:* Antonie Boerkoel, Connie Schrock, Larry Scott**Florida State University***Team:* Monica Hurdal, Jerry Magnan**Gallaudet University***Team:* fat Lam, Vicki Shank**Georgia College & State University***Team:* Martha Allen, Hugh Sanders**Hood College***Team:* Betty Mayfield, Doug Peterson, Kira Hamman**Kennesaw State University***Team:* Virginia Watson, Mary Garner, Lewis VanBrackle**Lebanon Valley College***Team:* Michael Fry, Christopher Brazfield, Patrick Brewer**Meredith College***Team:* Timothy Hendrix, Jennifer Hontz, Cammey Cole**Metropolitan State College of Denver***Team:* Larry Johnson, Ahahar Boneh**Oregon State University***Team:* Thomas Dick, Barbara Edwards, Lea Murphy**Ouchita Baptist University***Team:* Jeff Sykes, Steve Hennagin, Darin Buscher**Roosevelt University***Team:* Jimmie Johnson, Ray Shepherd, Andy Carter**Southeastern Louisiana University***Team:* David Gurney, Rebecca Muller**Southwest Missouri State University***Team:* Yungchen Cheng, Shelby Kilmer,**Southwestern University***Team:* Therese Shelton, John Chapman, Walt Potter, Barbara Owens**Stetson University***Team:* Lisa Coulter, Hari Pulapaka**Texas A&M University–Texarkana***Team:* Arthur Simonson, Dennis Kern**The College of New Jersey***Team:* Edward Conjura, Cathy Liebars, Sharon Navard**United States Military Academy***Team:* Alex Heidenberg, Michael Huber, Michael Phillips**Valparaiso University***Team:* Kenneth Luther, Kimberly Pearson**Western Michigan University***Team:* Tabitha Mingus, Jeff Strom, Dennis Pence