University-Wide Assessment Standards

	Unacceptable	Significant revision/improvement is needed	The SLU standards that all programs should be achieving annually, and fully	
Learning Outcomes What the faculty expect students to know and be able to do as a direct result of completing a particular UG major/minor, UG core, certificate, or graduate program.	No outcomes (regardless of quality) developed.	"Outcomes" are really tasks or assignments students will "do" – not learning outcomes resulting from having done a task.	Outcomes are: the educational result of tasks, experiences or assignments	
		Outcomes are either too broad or vague, and therefore unmeasurable;	 program-focused clear, specific, and observable 	
		Outcomes are too specific to be program level outcomes.		
		Outcomes are "double- (or triple) barreled."		
Methods The specific evidence of student achievement collected; how and when the program collects it; and whether or not the methods are manageable for faculty.	No plan developed.	Disproportionate use of data that only indirectly reflects student achievement of program learning outcomes (such as student course evaluation data, graduating student or alumni surveys, grad school admission rates, certification rates, etc.).	Assessed artifacts of student learning: are intentionally designed to directly evidence student achievement of a particular learning outcome(s). include students' most advanced work toward the learning outcome. All data planned to be collected was collected. A few outcomes are assessed each year; a reasonable cycle ensures meaningful assessment and manageability.	
		Lack of artifacts evidencing students' most advanced work related to an outcome(s).		
		Not all data planned to be collected was actually collected.		
		Too many outcomes assessed each year to ensure quality and manageability.		
Analysis of Assessment Data What the program does to analyze and evaluate the student achievement data to identify ways to improve student achievement.	No analysis conducted.	Analysis does not address all data collected. Data is reported or re-stated, but no conclusions drawn. Conclusions drawn don't inform curricular or pedagogical remedies.	Analysis of student achievement data: addresses all data collected identifies learning gaps and possible curricular or pedagogical remedies identifies successful student achievement of outcomes and associated strengths of curriculum and pedagogy	
Use of Data How the analyzed data is used by faculty to make and implement recommendations for changes in pedagogy, curriculum design, and/or assessment work.	No use of data for program improvement.	Curricular and pedagogical changes to bridge learning gaps (as informed by assessment data analysis) have not been implemented.	Curricular and pedagogical changes to bridge learning gaps (as informed by assessment data analysis) were implemented. The program studies the impact of those changes on future student achievement.	



University-Wide Assessment Standards: *Evaluation Rubric*

Standard	Below the Standard	Meets the Standard	Comments & Recommendations
Learning outcomes are program-focused.	☐ Positive trend evident☐ Positive trend <i>not</i> evident		
Learning outcomes are clear, specific, and observable.	☐ Positive trend evident☐ Positive trend <i>not</i> evident☐	٥	
Learning outcomes are the educational result of tasks, experiences or assignments.	☐ Positive trend evident☐ Positive trend <i>not</i> evident		
Assessed artifacts of student learning are intentionally designed to <i>directly</i> evidence student achievement of a particular learning outcome(s).	☐ Positive trend evident☐ Positive trend <i>not</i> evident		
Assessed artifacts of student learning include students' most advanced work toward the learning outcome.	☐ Positive trend evident☐ Positive trend <i>not</i> evident		
A few outcomes are assessed each year; a reasonable cycle ensures meaningful assessment and manageability.	☐ Positive trend evident☐ Positive trend <i>not</i> evident	٥	
Methods of analysis of student achievement data are appropriate to the outcome.	☐ Positive trend evident☐ Positive trend <i>not</i> evident		
Methods of analysis of student achievement data identify learning gaps and possible curricular or pedagogical remedies.	☐ Positive trend evident☐ Positive trend <i>not</i> evident		
Methods of analysis of student achievement data identify successful student achievement of outcomes and associated strengths of curriculum and pedagogy	☐ Positive trend evident☐ Positive trend <i>not</i> evident☐	٥	
Assessment data informs curricular, pedagogical, and other necessary changes.	☐ Positive trend evident☐ Positive trend <i>not</i> evident		
The program studies the impact of those changes on future student achievement.	☐ Positive trend evident☐ Positive trend <i>not</i> evident		