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To: School Deans and FAOs

From: Maria Pallavicini, Co-Chair SACA
Anne Kelley, Co-Chair SACA

Re: Second Annual PLO Assessment

Dear Deans and FAOs:

This year the Administration and Academic Senate jointly established the Senate-Administration Council on Assessment (SACA) to provide institution-wide oversight and coordination of assessment activities across the campus. As part of its work, SACA will be coordinating the annual PLO assessment process.

This year SACA asks that each program please submit its second annual PLO Assessment Report to its Dean no later than January 31, 2011. Meeting this due date is essential. During its March 2011 Site Visit, the WASC Visiting Team must be convinced that annual assessment is becoming an institutional practice. The report guidelines will be forthcoming.

Beginning in AY 2011-2012, however, SACA would like to offer programs the option of an October 1st or March 1st reporting date. SACA hopes that this will more closely match each program's reporting cycle to its own assessment rhythm.

To facilitate this transition, **SACA asks that each program please provide its Dean with its choice of submission date for AY 2011-2012, and beyond, when it submits its 2010 PLO Assessment Report on January 31st.**

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Cc: SACA Members
Senate Office