Advancing Assessment in DSL

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Goals For Today

• Introduce myself to the Division as a resource
• Share what I have learned about DSL assessment
• Discuss next steps for advancing DSL assessment
How I Can Be A Resource

• Assessment Coach: providing guidance, resources & support to the Division

• Ways I can help:
  – Defining outcomes
  – Aligning program design with outcomes
  – Trying out new methods and measures
  – Finding ways to integrate assessment into what you are already doing
  – Writing survey questions
  – Analyzing & creating visualizations of data
  – Creating an assessment plan
  – Using Campus Labs
Assessment Philosophy

• Assessment should be:
  – Staff driven
  – Manageable
  – Multi-purpose
  – Include multiple measures
  – Action-oriented
Assessment Cycle

• More than a measurement…

• Assessment is a process!
Using & Sharing Results

• Assessment helps us…
  – Design the most powerful educational opportunities
  – Improve our programs and services
  – Demonstrate the impact of our work
  – Celebrate success!
  – Make informed decisions
  – Make a compelling argument
Learning about DSL Assessment

• Listening Tour
  – 40 meetings across DSL & Campus Partners

• Campus Labs Review
  – Over 200 survey projects since adoption in Fall 2013

• Consulting on assessment projects

• Themes:
  – Data is in high demand!
  – Staff are using Campus Labs
  – There is a lot of great assessment work being done!
Assessment Spotlight: Measuring Learning

- Club Sports Satisfaction Survey

“To what extent has your participation in {SPORT} increased the following abilities?”

(5 Point Scale: 5=Considerably; 0=Not at all)
- Teamwork skills
- Leadership skills
- Time management skills
- Stress management skills
Assessment Spotlight:
Integrating assessment into programs

• Conflict Management @ MIT

• Mediation Training 3 Question “Daily Eval”
  – Takeaways from today
  – What concept(s) are you still stuck on, confused by or having trouble with?
  – What are three aspects of a conflict coaching session that help move it forward?
Assessment Spotlights: Exploring different methods

- DSLx Focus Groups
- Hazing Prevention & Education Committee Document Review (in progress)
- Conflict Management @ MIT Mediation Skills Rubric
- Informal assessment in Residence Life Programs
Assessment Spotlight: Integrating assessment into routines

• Recreation
  – Assessment Plan
  – Align outcomes & experiences
  – Use data to try new ideas & improve programs
  – Staff meeting assessment presentations & discussions
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• Continue (and scale-up) good work!
  – Measuring student learning
  – Integrating assessment into programs and making it part of the teaching & learning process
  – Exploring non-survey methods
  – Integrating assessment into routines
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- Resources & Support
  - Renew Campus Labs contract (DONE!)
  - Assessment project consultations
  - Professional development opportunities
  - Create opportunities to share good work
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- Collaboratively develop a division learning outcomes assessment model
  - Shared learning priorities
  - Shared data collection tools
  - Useful data that can be used for improvement and to demonstrate impact at the program, department and division level
DSL Resources for Assessment

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