Quality Assurance Information Fall 2015

In today's higher education environment, where the public is demanding more and more accountability from higher education institutions, the College of Business is pleased to be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) http://www.acbsp.org. Because of this accreditation, we must demonstrate compliance with the ACBSPs accreditation standards and criteria, which allows us to reveal our commitment to continuous improvement in providing a quality business education to our students.

The ACBSP standards are drawn to a large degree from the Malcolm Baldridge National Quality award https://www.nist.gov/baldrige/self-assessing/baldrige-sector/education

In demonstrating compliance with these standards, our attention is drawn to key quality dimensions such as sound strategic planning focusing on key constituent and measurement of student learning and performance.

These standards include the following:

- Leadership
- Strategic Planning
- Student and Stakeholder Focus
- Measurement and Analysis of Student Learning and Performance
- Faculty and Staff Focus
- Educational and Business Process Management

http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.acbsp.org/resource/collection/EB5F486D-441E-4156-9991-00D6C3A44ED1/ACBSP Standards and Criteria 2013 Rev F.pdf

The following pages highlight information that was submitted to the ACBSP as part of the 10 year reaccreditation process. It contains information on our performance as a college, including student achievement.

Standard #3 Student and Stakeholder Focus

Student and Stakeholder Focus Results			Student- and stakeholder-focused results examine how well your organization satisfies students and stakeholders key needs and expectations. Performance measures may include: satisfaction and dissatisfaction of current and past students and key stakeholders, perceived value, loyalty, persistence, or other aspects of relationship building end of course surveys, alumni surveys, Internship feedback, etc. Measurement instrument or processes may include end of course surveys, alumni surveys, Internship feedback, etc. Each academic unit must demonstrate linkages to business practitioners and organizations, which are current and significant, including an advisory board. Periodic surveys should be made of graduates, transfer institutions, and/or employers of graduates to obtain data on the success of business programs in preparing students to compete successfully for entry-level positions.				
Performance Measure / Measurable Goal (What is your goal?)	What is your measurement instrument or process?	Current Results (what are your current results?)	Analysis of Results (What did you learn from the results?)	Action Taken or Improvemen t made (Or next steps)	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends (3-5 data points preferred)		

STUDENTS:	St. Ambrose	Overall,	The College of	Academic advising			
Graduating seniors		· ·	Business	processes are		Graduating Seniors: Percentage of Respondents who	
will indicate	•	seniors were		being improved		selected one of the top two favorable responses on	
			discussed	institutionally			
their COB	1	satisfied or	results,	through the		survey questions (n==33)	
academic	0	very satisfied	•	advising office.		n=33	
experiences	_		that academic	-	100 ==	**************************************	
				dean is heavily	90		
	•	experiences.	•	involved in helping	80		
	administered		needs	for better advising	70		
	annually. Survey		improvement		60		
	results are for		•	COB majors, which	50		
	COB majors only		•	includes working	40		
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STUDENTS: Student Satisfaction with Faculty in the area of Faculty/Student Interaction	Student Course Evaluations (SIR II) / Each Semester	semesters of variable results; somewhat comparabl e to the comparativ e mean	Faculty discussion has revolved around areas where faculty may need more training. For example, writing course outcomes and utilizing	The College holds teaching forums once a semester to discuss best teaching practices. Faculty are also encourage to attend our University Center for Teaching	Faculty Student Interaction 4.65 4.6 4.55 4.5 4.4 4.35 4.4 4.35 4.3 4.25 Spring 2013 Fall 2013 Spring 2014 (n=83) (n=118) (n=72)	■ COB mean ■ Comparative Mean
			and utilizing teaching methods that reach today's students.	Excellence Events. Faculty are given feedback on SIIR 2 results in University Evaluation Procedures where	(n=83) (n=118) (n=72)	
				suggestions on ways to seek improvements are given, if needed		

STUDENTS:	Student	Students	The College	Questions on	
Senior students	Surveys	rate their	of Business	this survey also	Student Survey: Senior Business Majors were
will indicate that	administered	majors	faculty have	include	asked the following: One a scale of 1 (no
they find value	each semester	fairly high	discussed	qualitative	value) to 10 (very valuable), what is your
n their chosen	in MGMT 349,	and fairly	results.	responses with	
najor	a course	consistentl	Discussion	students giving	rating of the value of the classes in your
	generally	у	led faculty	high priority	major?
	taken when		to wanting	suggestions for	10 =
	students are		to see more	improving	
	seniors		useful	classroom	8
			results. A	experiences.	
			redesigned	These	
			survey will	suggestions	
			be piloted in	have provided	
			Fall 2015.	the content for	2
				the college's	
				teaching	0
				forums.	Spring 2013 Fall 2013 Spring 2014 Fall 2014
					(n=32) (n=42) (n=30) (n=48)

STUDENTS	MBA students	The first	The goal	End of semester	4.5 AD A EVIT CLIDVEY DATA (Macon Scores and of E)
(MBA): Scores	completed an	annual	was to	meetings with	^{4.} MBA EXIT SURVEY DATA (Mean Scores out of 5)
on exit survey	exit survey,	report	increase St.	department	4
for graduating	administered	covered	Ambrose	chairs and the	
MBA students	by Precept	Fall 2013	MBA mean	MBA Director	3.5
will show	during their	and Spring	scores in	were	3.5
student	last semester.	2014. The	each	established to	3
satisfaction with		peer group	category to	discuss SIRII™	
the program.		was	an average	scores for each	2.5
		composed	of 3.5 on a	MBA class.	Teaching Effectivenes
		of much	5.0 scale	Remediation	2 Resposiveness to Nee
		larger	within the	was conducted	
		public and	next	where scores	1.5 Course Relevance
		private	academic	fell below 3.0.	Program Quality
		universities	year. The	The meetings	
		•	scores from	are to address	
			Fall 2013 to	teaching	0.5
		It was	Spring 2014	effectiveness	
		expected	show the	and program	0 '
		that St.	gradual	quality the two	SAU Peer SAU Peer SAU Peer
		Ambrose	improveme	lowest scoring	(n=34) Group (=23) Group (n=29) Group
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		in each of	each		
		these areas	category.		
		in	SIRII™ data		
		compariso	is used to		
		n.	track at the		
			course level.		

Alumni (MOL): MOL Alumni will be satisfied with the MOL program and results after graduation	St. Ambrose MOL graduates completed surveys in Fall 2012	Alumni found that program led to success	The MOL program is contributing to alumni success as hoped for	No specific actions taken due to survey information;	MOL Alumni Survey: To what extent did the knowlege and skills gained in the MOL program contribute to my post graduation n=172 achievements? (percentage of respondents) (n=172)
					60 50 40 30 20 10 Significant Factor Factor Not a factor
					MOL Alumni Survey: Success and Satisfaction Measures (percentage of respondents) 98 96 94 92 90 88 86 84 82 Career Advancement due to MOL Advancement Recommend (n=167) (n=169) (n=164) (n=172)

Standard #4 Measurement and Analysis of Student Learning and Performance

Common Learning Outcomes for all Undergraduate Business Majors:

- Understand Business Concepts related to accounting, economics, finance, management and marketing.
- Effectively present information, both in writing and orally
- Use critical reasoning skills to analyze and interpret data to solve complex business problems
- Apply a value-based reasoning system in decision making
- Work effectively in teams and in collaboration with others
- Understand the impact of cultural or global differences on business
- Demonstrate proficiency in using appropriate modern professional technology

Performance Indicator	Definition					
1. Student Learning Results	A student learning outcome is one that measures a specific competency attainment.					
	Examples of a direct assessment (evidence) of student learning attainment that might be used include: capstone					
(Required for each accredited	performance, third-party examination, faculty-designed examination, professional performance, licensure					
program)	examination).					
	Add these to the description of the measurement instrument in column two: Direct -					
	Assessing student performance by examining samples of student work					
	Indirect - Assessing indicators other than student work such as getting feedback from the student or other					
	persons who may provide relevant information.					
	Formative – An assessment conducted during the student's education.					
	Summative – An assessment conducted at the end of the student's education. Internal – An					
	assessment instrument that was developed within the business unit. External – An					
	assessment instrument that was developed outside the business unit.					
	Comparative – Compare results between classes, between online and on ground classes, Between professors, between programs, between campuses, or compare to external results such as results from the U.S.					
	Department of Education Research and Statistics, or results from a vendor providing comparable data.					

Performance	What is your	Current	Analysis of	Action Taken	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends
Measure /	measurement	Results	Results	or	
Measurable Goal	instrument or	(what are	(What did	Improvemen	(3-5 data points preferred)
(What is your	process?	your	you learn	t made (Or	
goal?)		current	from the	next steps)	
		results?)	results?)		
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Undergraduate	Peregrine	Average	Faculty see	Faculty are	
Business Majors,	Standardized	student	results each	discussing	Campus Peregrine ResultsTotal Score %
including BBA:	exam. Business	percent	year	how to make	Correct
Students should	majors take	correct	Discussion	better	
understand	this exam in	have	has revolved	meaning of	54 =
Business Concepts	MGMT 349, a	ranged	around the	the data,	53
related to	course taken	from 47%	trends	which	52
accounting,	their senior	to 55%	establish.	includes	51
economics,	year.	Overall,	While SAU	examining	50
finance,		scores have	students are	each CPC	49
management and	Direct, external	been fairly	fairly	and their	48 SAU campus
marketing.	assessment	consistent	consistent,	sub-	47
Business Students	taken for	and above	comparison	components.	46 Traditional/Campus-B
will score higher	summative and	or close to	to faith-		45 Faith-Based
than our	comparative	our	based	Goal for	44
benchmark groups	purposes	benchmark	institutions	2016:	May 2013 (11/10) May 2014 (11/12) A 11/2015 (11/2015 (11/146))
on the Peregrine		groups,	is somewhat	establish	30, 230, 10, 10, 150,
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	Undergraduate
	Business majors,
	including BBA:
	Students should be
	able to effectively
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COB writing rubric used in both MGMT 310, a Business Core course and MGMT 349, a course taken by seniors (note: faculty turnover did not allow us to collect data in MGMT 310 in Spring or Fall 13)

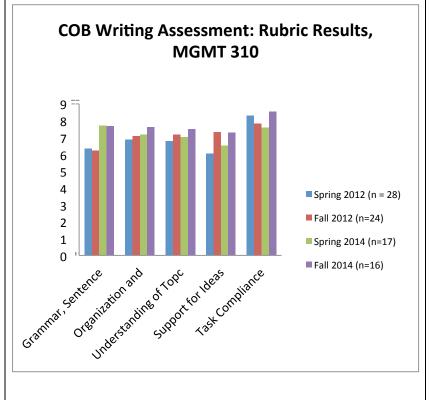
We have experimented with a new writing rubric in Spring 2015

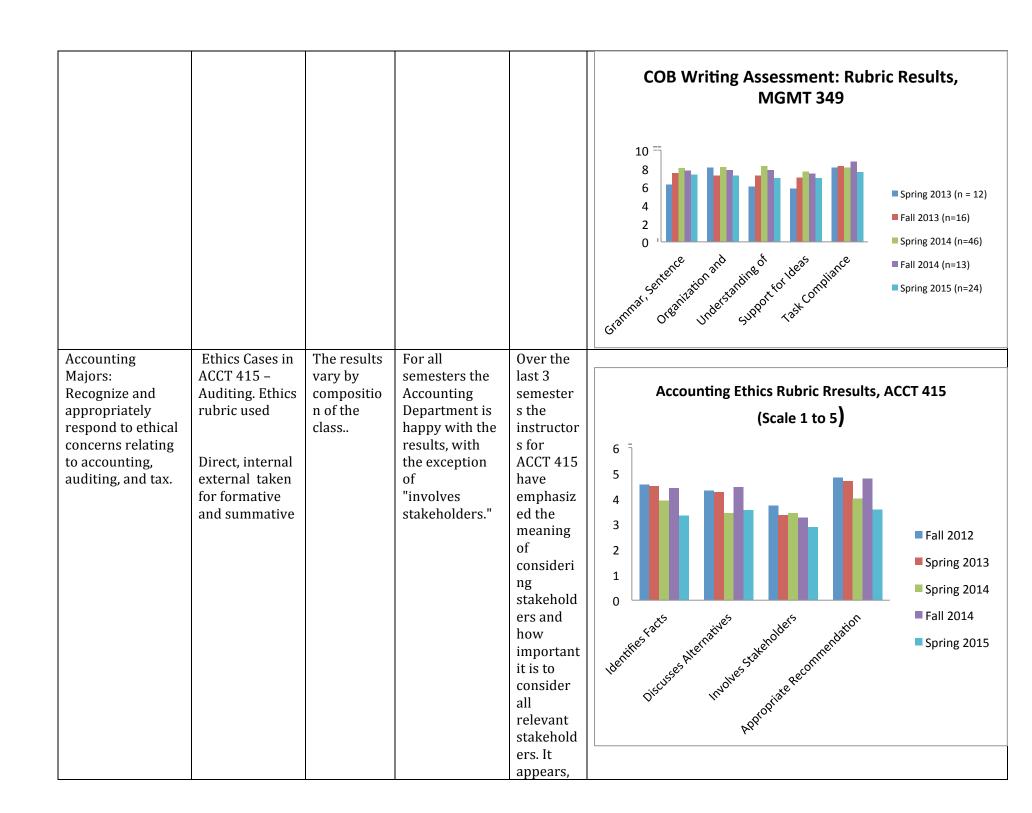
Direct and internal assessment taken for formative, summative and comparative purposes

Rubric results for students in **MGMT 310** reveal that they averaged less than a the desired 75% on 3 on 4 of the 5 writing parameters assessed, but that by 349, writing has improved.

Rubric results for MGMT 310 reveals the aspects of writing that faculty need to focus on during students later at St. Ambrose

Rubric results for MGMT 349 reveal some of the same weakness es in student writing that appeared in MGMT 310. COB faculty are encourage to assign more writing in upper level courses and to provide meaningf ul feedback.





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The Peregrine data show that scores global dimensions have slightly dipped but remained above the national mean. Scores on business ethics too dipped and remain below the national mean.

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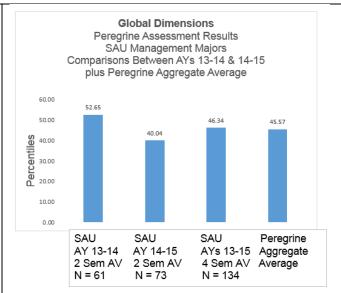
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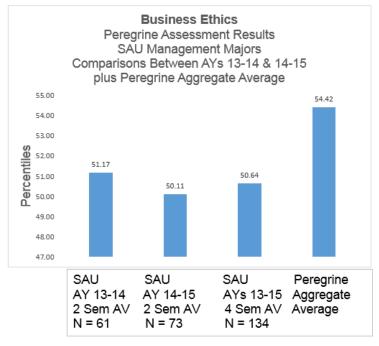
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be able to illustrate innovative approaches to business using the major concepts, theories, and applications gained in a graduate level business program. A cumulative score of 800 (40 or above on a 50 pt. scale) or above in the content and development section of the MBA801 rubric.	The instrument of the MBA Student ability to provide innovati approach business elevant use of terature, incorporation of elevant innovative use of operations, and effective inplementation processes. There is a total of 900 points (45 in a 50 pt. cale) available in this section.	students are using unique approaches to solving business problems, but have trouble writing results in a formal paper. out s. se ed eas ity, tyle 62 22%)	will be incorpora te into MGMT 310 in the upcoming year. Departme ntal faculty are committe d to analyzing assessme nt data every semester. An additional measurem ent will be created during the 15-16 academic year to compensa te for the MBA801 transition to an elective course.	MBA801 PROJECT RESULTS Content & Development Readability & Writing Style Pagera Headability & Writin
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should be able to describe the major concepts, theories, and research in organizational behavior, human resources, organizational theory, and strategic management.	This is assessed during course exams, as well as in written and oral comprehensive exams after completing their coursework. Evidence is also shown in student dissertations, publications and conference presentations Direct, Internal and External. Formative and Summative.	of those who have successfully completed comprehen sive exams, 93% have gone on to complete dissertation s. 43 dissertation s have been completed. 20 student or alum conference papers and publication s have been developed in the calendar years 2013-2015.	Students are successfully completing the program and its requirements and are getting validated externally when conference papers are accepted and when manuscripts are accepted for publication.	We have been pleased with students' successfu l completio n of written and comprehe nsive exams (internal validation in the program) and the acceptanc e of student and alum work at conferenc es and in publicatio ns (external validation).	As is evident in our data, our emphasis has been on external validation and multi-evaluator feedback. This shows student competency on multiple learning outcomes. Conferences using a blind review process gives external measurement of students ability to describe major concepts in the field (SLO 1). In additions, It should be noted that student performance is addressed by our Admissions Retention Committee (ARC). For example, if a student receives one C or the GPA falls below a 3.0, the student will be reviewed by the ARC as to whether to be retained in the program. Also, the ARC monitors if students are making satisfactory progress on their dissertations. This body is responsible to make decisions regarding students' satisfactory progress if questions arise regarding timeframes for development of dissertation proposals and defenses as well DBA Assessment: Learning Outcomes (number of students and alumni completing:) **Adacemic Year 2013-14** **Adacemic Year 2014-15** **Ada
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Sttandard #5 Faculty and Staff Focus

Complete the following table Provide three or four examples, reporting what you consider to be the most important data. It is not necessary to provide results for every process.

Table 5.1 Standard 5 - Faculty- and Staff-Focused Results

Faculty and Staff	Focused Results	posi Key adm num	tive, productive indicators may ninistrative dution wher of theses su	e, learning-centered w include: professional es, business and indus upervised, satisfaction	e how well the organization creates and maintains a vork environment for business faculty and staff. I development, scholarly activities, community service, etry interaction, number of advisees, number of committees, nor dissatisfaction of faculty and staff, positive, productive, ty, absenteeism, turnover, or complaints.
		Ana	lysis of Results		
Performance Measure	What is your measuremen t instrument	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends (3-5 data points preferred)
Measurable goal	or process?	What are your	What did you learn	made	
What is your	(Indicate length of	current results?	from the results?	What did you improve or	
goal?	cycle)			what is your next step?	

provide opportunities for faculty and staff to be involved in the	Number of opportunities in which faculty and staff can get involved/ participate	The College continues to provide a variety of opportuniti es for faculty and staff involvemen t/ participatio n each year.	The College interprets this information as a rough indicator of engagement. The college has also incorporate a master calendar of college events that is distributed to faculty and staff at the beginning of the academic year so that faculty and staff have knowledge of these activities.	Continue to explore activities for increasing engagement as well as ways to measure and assess involvement and engagement	Number of Meetings	COB Opportunition involvement	
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Number of	Self-report by	There were	College of	Continue to	
scholarly and	faculty members	over 280	Business will	monitor this	Faculty Scholarship and
professional	via on-line	instances	continue to	metric	Professional Activity
activities	survey	of scholarly	encourage		
		and	activity in		60 =
		professiona	these areas		50
		I activities	as well as		40
		reported	advocate for		30
		by the 75%	additional		20 10 2010 11
		of full-time	resources to		0
		faculty who	support		2012-13
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			use of funds		
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			for		
			professional		
			development		

Standard #6 Educational and Business Process Management

Complete table 6.1. Provide three or four examples, reporting what you consider to be the most important data. It is not necessary to provide results for every process.

Table 6.1 Standard 6 - Organizational Performance Results

5. Organizational Ef	have a student	Organizational effectiveness results examine attainment of organizational goals. Each business unit must have a systematic reporting mechanism for each business program that charts enrollment patterns, student retention, student academic success, and other characteristics reflecting students' performance.			
		use of w commun adminis	veb-based techn	ologies, use of facilitie	enrollment, improvement in safety, hiring equity, increased s by community organizations, contributions to the y program, and what you report to governing boards and
Performance	What is your	Current	Analysis of	Action Taken or	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends
Measure	measurement instrument or	Results	Results	Improvement made	(3-5 data points preferred)
Measurable goal	process?	What are	What did	What did you	
What is your goal?	(Indicate length of cycle)	current results?	you learn from the results?	What did you improve or what is your next step?	

The College of	The "Enrollment	While	The COB has	Continue outreach	
Business will strive	by Major" report	ACBSP	been	efforts,	ACBSP Program Enrollment
to increase	provided by the	programs	involved in a	implement new	700 ==
program	St. Ambrose	remain	high school	recruiting	700 =
enrollment	Office of	healthy in	outreach	strategies and	600
	Institutional	terms of	initiative in	continue to	
	Research:	student	the hopes of	monitor	500
	Numbers	count,	attracting	enrollment in the	400 Undergraduate
	represent the	enrollment	local high	College's ACBSP	Programs
	number of	s in the	school	accredited	300 Graduate Programs
	declared majors	ACBSP	students to	programs	200 Graduate Programs
	on the 20 th day	accredited	business as a		
	for the College's	programs,	future field		100
	ACBSP accredited	the	of student		
	programs for	undergrad	and to St.		Fall Fall Fall Fall
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		enrollment	management		
		has been	team on		
		consistent	targeted		
			recruiting		
			strategies.		

Business Faculty fa	Self-report by aculty members via on-line survey	There were over 150 instances of activities where faculty and students engaged with a broader community that were reported by the 75% of full-time faculty who teach in ACBSP accredited programs that	The College of Business will continue to encourage activity in these areas as well as advocate for additional resources to support these activities.	Continue to monitor this metric.	Faculty and Student Interaction with the Community 80 70 60 50 40 2010-11 10 0 2012-13 Class Projects Speakers Frield Tips Service Frield Tips S
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