Institutional Effectiveness

Purpose

This policy restates Stephen F. Austin State University’s commitment to adhere to the principles of continuous improvement based on systematic and documented processes of planning, executing, and evaluation aligned with the mission of the institution.

Persons Affected

This policy applies to all SFASU employees.

Policy

Institutional effectiveness is broad in scope, encompassing strategic planning and university initiatives through unit level improvement objectives and academic program learning outcomes. The continuous improvement process provides a mechanism that allows the university to identify broad goals and tangible outcomes and discern if progress towards the goals and outcomes is being made and if corrections are required. Institutional effectiveness involves all programs, services, and constituencies; is linked to decision-making at all levels; and provides a basis for budgetary and resource allocations.

The university conducts ongoing, comprehensive, integrated, research-based, and systematic planning to enhance overall institutional quality and effectiveness. During the planning process, expected outcomes are identified and action plans are designed to improve institutional effectiveness and performance. Following implementation of the action plans, results are assessed.

Related Statutes or Regulations, Rules, Policies, or Standards

SACSCOC Core Requirement 7.1; Standard 7.2; Standard 7.3; Core Requirement 8.1

Responsible Executive

President

Forms

None

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