Introduction to Planning Day Breakout Session on Assessment

The campus-wide Assessment Advisory Committee has been working over the past few semesters to respond to suggestions given by the Middle States Review Team in regards to assessment.

The committee spent a great deal of time creating a standard format for annual reports and assessment records. The campus has utilized these forms for several semesters and the committee has been reviewing completed records and providing feedback. Now that the process has been somewhat refined, review of the records is no longer being done by the committee, but is happening at the Dean or VP level.

The committee has written recommendations for each Middle States suggestion related to assessment and presented this report to Dr. Golden. As a result, we are now working on the following:

- Writing a campus policy and statement of best practice related to assessment
- Creating an inventory of all of the assessment strategies being utilized by departments to assist in external reporting, as well as to provide a resource to departments looking for new assessment ideas
- Synthesizing the 5 different lists of expected learning outcomes that exist on campus
- Student Affairs is refining student learning outcome statements and will be having a consultant visit in the spring to assist with this process
- The committee also continues to offer assessment mini-grants periodically and encourages professional development by providing on campus workshops and encouraging faculty/staff travel to assessment-related conferences