Context for 2018-19 and Beyond

• Submission Date for 2018-19 Annual Reports
  • October 31, 2019
• Change of SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation, effective January 2018
• GSW Interim Fifth-Year Report due March, 2020
• GSW Decennial Reaffirmation 2023-24
  • Compliance Certificate due September 2023
  • Onsite Visit Spring 2024
Academic and Student Support Unit Assessment 2019 and Beyond

• Support unit effectiveness falls under Standard 8.2c: The institution identifies expected outcomes, assesses the extent to which it achieves these outcomes, and provides evidence of seeking improvement based on analysis of the results in the areas below:
  • Academic and student services that support student success.

(Student outcomes: academic and student services)
It All Begins with STUDENT SUCCESS

• GSW Mission Statement
  • Georgia Southwestern State University is a regional and comprehensive university serving a diverse population of students, offering a range of strong undergraduate and graduate programs in a vibrant learning environment. The University is a collegial community that values collaboration and community engagement with an emphasis on faculty, staff, and student interactions. An active student body and state-of-the-art amenities enhance the learning experience on a visually appealing campus located in historic Americus, Georgia.

• How does your unit support GSW’s Mission?
• What other SACSCOC standards govern your unit?
Big Picture Question for Unit Assessment Plans: What is Student Success?

- How to define student success?
- Retention, Progression, & Graduation?
- What else is possible?
  - Employable graduates?
  - Well-rounded graduates?
  - Productive citizens?
  - Socially integrated students?
- How does your unit support student success?
- What are the three to five most important outcomes of this support for students?
Assessment Measures

• Direct Measures result from collection of data.
  • What data do you report to the USG?
  • What data do you track for internal purposes?

• Indirect Measures results of self-reporting by staff or stakeholders
  • Self-Evaluations
  • Surveys

• A Mix of both types is ideal.
CAS Self-Assessment Guides

• CAS (Council for Advancement of Standards in Higher Education)
• Full Range of Guides available upon request
• Example Guides
  • Campus Police and Security Services Programs
  • Clinical Health Services
  • Disability Resources and Services
  • Registrar Services and Programs
  • Undergraduate Admissions Programs
Annual Reporting for Support Units

• **This Year**
  - Assessment plan for the next three years
  - Unit Strategic Plan Update

• **Next Year**
  - Any changes to assessment plan?
  - Unit Strategic Plan Update

• **The Year After**
  - Improvement Plans
  - Unit Strategic Plan Update

• **And So On . . .**
QUESTIONS?