

Another assessment incentive was introduced in Spring 2008. The AVP announced a new assessment incentive called the AVP Small Assessment Grant Award (AVP Saga). This incentive program provides a monetary award to departments who develop innovative approaches that improve practice in course assessment to enhance SLOs. It also serves as an incentive for faculty who are interested in engaging in small assessment research projects that are not covered under course assessment.

As this brief history reflects, GCC's assessment initiative is constantly evolving and maturing. At the center of the College's assessment activities is the understanding that assessment is primarily conducted to demonstrate accountability and implement course, program, and institutional improvements.

Part II. Compliance

As shown in Table I below, the College monitors assessment compliance by division year after year. From academic year 2002 to 2010, the total number of programs/units under the Academic Affairs Division has fluctuated; consequently impacting compliance rates. The Business & Finance Division has experienced small changes in their total number of programs/units over the years. Compliance rate for this division has improved greatly since AY03-04. As for the Administrative Services Division, their total number of programs/units has remained constant since A02-03; however, their compliance rate has fluctuated. The President/CEO and Board of Trustees and Foundation Board have maintained a 100% compliance rate since they became a reporting unit in TracDat. These units are assessed every other year.