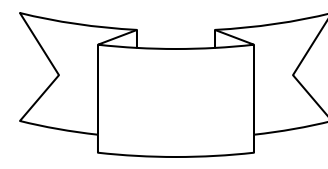


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ASSESSMENT ENHANCEMENTS RESULTING FROM SELF-STUDY

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In fall 2012, the Center for Student Life (CSL) began a self-study for the purpose of executing and sustaining continuous planning, assessment, and improvement within the CSL. In 2013-2014, based on recommendations resulting from the 2012-2013 self-study, CSL staff implemented a significant number and variety of improvements that spanned each functional area and the CSL as a whole. In March 2014, two Associate Vice President for Student Affairs colleagues from other PASSHE universities conducted an external review of the CSL. The external review report recognized the CSL's achievement of the overarching goal of imbedding sustainable assessment within the department's culture. By design, the CSL's 2013-2014 assessment initiatives clearly aligned with IUP's Strategic Vision and the Student Affairs Division's Keystones.

A review of this application and supporting materials clearly demonstrates that the Center for Student Life seized the opportunity to utilize the information gained through the self-study and external review to enhance multiple office functions to improve students' experiences. In addition, the Center for Student Life has created a sustainable culture of assessment as a result of strong assessment efforts.