



## Campus-Wide Strategic Planning Guidelines

### Institutional Effectiveness: Planning and Assessment Framework

In alignment with SACSCOC expectations, LSU demonstrates a commitment to the principles of continuous improvement, based on a systematic and documented process of assessing institutional performance with respect to mission across all aspects of the institution. The continuous improvement cycle includes the development of a plan, identification of expected outcomes and associated measures, assessment of the extent to which the outcome has been achieved, and evidence of seeking improvement based on analysis of the findings.

The following SACSCOC standards are addressed via the campus-wide strategic planning process:

SACSCOC Standard	Expectation	Required Participants
7.1	The institution engages in ongoing, comprehensive, and integrated research-	
	The institution identifies expected outcomes of its administrative support services and demonstrates the extent to which the outcomes are achieved. <i>(Administrative/operational outcomes)</i>	All Planning Units
8.2.c	The institution identifies expected outcomes, assesses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Programs &amp; Student Support</li> <li>• Enrollment Management &amp; Student Success</li> <li>• Student Affairs</li> <li>• Others as applicable</li> </ul>

### Campus-Wide Strategic Planning

LSU employs a comprehensive, campus-wide process for planning, assessing, and measuring progress in meeting the goals established in the institution's strategic plan ([strategicplan.lsu.edu](http://strategicplan.lsu.edu)). This process is critical in fulfilling the following requirements:

- documenting campus-wide efforts in support of the university's mission;
- tracking progress to demonstrate achievement of the university's goals as articulated in the

university's strategic plan;

- providing a systematic and integrated process for planning and assessment of expected outcomes;
- utilizing assessment findings to seek opportunities for improvement; and
- sustaining a solid systematic, continuous improvement framework in alignment with SACSCOC expectations (Standards 7.1, 7.3, 8.2.c).



## Findings & Use of Findings

**!! Required fields for this section within Taskstream AMS include: Findings and Use of Findings.**

- **Findings.** Enter the findings (e.g., data, results) for each measure. Indicate if the target was achieved. Provide the necessary detail, including the actual findings plus any related information to facilitate interpretation and analysis (e.g., trend data, context). Briefly discuss.
- **Use of Findings.** Briefly discuss how the findings and analysis for each measure shall be used to inform future planning efforts and/or strategies for seeking opportunities for improvement related to the outcome. Specific examples should be provided. Questions for consideration include:
  - What actions will you take (or taken recently) to seek improvement of the unit's activities ork-4.1fs7ttfaw3-1.13193v-Ta(ae)10754877.2Tt(p)-1090270T2(0-Tw-30001.Tnd02112(

### Taskstream AMS Access & Technical Assistance

A "Taskstream AMS QuickStart Guide" is available (<https://lsu.edu/oie/Planning/quickstart.pdf>) to help navigate the entry of required elements.

**!! NOTE:** Taskstream AMS is accessible via the Watermark icon my LSU Quick Links.

Only authorized users may access Taskstream AMS. Units should notify OIE ([oie@lsu.edu](mailto:oie@lsu.edu)) to request the addition of any users to the unit's workspace as needed to facilitate the unit's annual strategic planning reporting process.

### Questions

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