# #2. Executive Summary: Undergraduate Program Assessment: Student Outcomes – GEN ED

To be completed by Departments and submitted by the Department Chair to the Assessment Blackboard Site.

Department: Business & Mathematics Date: 5/12/2017

Members involved with analysis of artifacts: Brian Albright, John Snow, Ed Reinke, Andy Langewisch

See #1 Undergraduate Program Assessment Plan: Student Outcomes for: a) Student Outcome; b) Background; c) Question(s); d) Methodology

#### **Analysis of artifacts:**

1). **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA\*** - How was data analyzed? (attach rubrics/scoring tools if used). A four point rubric was applied to each of the outcomes. The four categories are "Exceeds Expectations", "Meets Expectations", "Needs Improvements", and "Unacceptable".

### **Summary of RESULTS\*:**

- 1). Restate the assessment question(s) (from the Assessment plan):
  Are students able to effectively communicate a correct mathematical argument?
- 2). Summarize the assessment results. A narrative summary is required. Charts, tables or graphs are encouraged but optional.

There were 19 students in Math 252 this past semester. Of these 19 students, 11 exceeded expectations and 2 met expectations. 68% met or exceeded expectations. Overall they presented very effective proofs. Another 3 of the students were scored as needing improvements. There was a mixture of incorrect arguments as well as poor communication. Lastly, 3 of the students submitted unacceptable work. It should be noted 2 of these individuals were international students who are not native speakers of English.

- 3). **INTERPRETATION\*** Discuss how the results answer the assessment question(s). There is progress being made towards our goal. Although we fell short of 80% the students who at least met expectations did very well on proof writing. There was a significant gap between the students who at least met expectations and the other students in the class.
- 4). Observations made that were not directly related to the question(s). (i.e. interrater reliability of the scoring tool was low) The performance of students who are not native speakers of English indicates that intentional efforts should be made to assist these students earlier in the semester.

#### **Sharing of Results:**

When were results shared? Date: 5/12/17

How were the results shared? (i.e. met as a department) electronically

Who were results shared with? (List names): Brian Albright. John Snow, Ed Reinke, Andy Langewisch

## Discussion of Results -Summarize your conclusions including:

1. **ACTION\*-** How will what the department learned from the assessment impact the teaching process/course/program etc. in your department starting the next academic year?

In the future, the instructor will intervene earlier in the semester with students who seem to be struggling with proof writing.

2. **IMPACT\*-** What is the anticipated impact of the **ACTION\*** on student achievement of the learning outcome in the next academic year?

At least 80% of students in Math 252 will be proficient in proof writing. According to our rubric they will meet or exceed expectations.

3. **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS** – Indicate budget requirements necessary for the successful implementation of the **ACTION**\* (i.e. an additional staff person, new equipment, additional sections of a course). .none

If action is taken – it is recommended that the same learning outcome and assessment plan be used for a second assessment cycle.

What assessment questions related to the learning outcome would the program like to investigate in the future? We will continue to assess the same outcome.

Submitted by: Andy Langewisch

**Reviewed by the Assessment Committee** 

(date): 5/16/17

Department Chair notified/additional action needed: na

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS - Assessment Committee Chair notified appropriate Dean: na

Approved & Posted to Assessment site: 5/16/17