

**ASU DEANS/DIRECTORS COUNCIL ACTION NO. ASU:**

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**PROJECT/PROPOSAL TITLE:** Assessment Week at Alcorn State University

**ABSTRACT:**

The proposed action is to add an assessment week to the academic calendar, which would assist with the institutionalization efforts of assessment at Alcorn State University.

**COSTS:** There will be no cost to the institution to implement an assessment week at Alcorn State University.

**INITIAL/START DATE:** Assessment week will be added to the academic calendar for the 2015-2016 academic year.

**DISCUSSION:**

An assessment week at Alcorn State University would spotlight the importance of assessment. During this week, any standardized or local assessments would be administered to students that relate to any continuous improvement efforts. The standards set forth by the regional accrediting agency, SACSCOC, has increasingly become more assessment driven—continuous improvement must be shown utilizing credible data and through documentation.

This week would raise the awareness of assessment for administrators, faculty, staff, and students. Several activities will be held during the week to include campus wide presentations and discussions about assessment. Also, schools/departments/units will be able to highlight assessment activities that are being conducted, and to review and refine assessment plans and reports. Additionally, meaningful discussions about collected assessment data and how the data will be used to improve student programing, teaching, and learning can occur during this week.

The proposed assessment week can take place between the third week of March and the second week of April. The dates may vary each academic year depending on other campus-wide activities.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** APPROVED: YES  NO

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