

Call for Nominations – The Eric M. Hampton Award for Exceptional Contributions to the ISU Culture of Assessment

The University Assessment Council invites nominations of faculty for the Eric M. Hampton Award for Exceptional Contributions to the ISU Culture of Assessment.

This award was created in memory of our esteemed colleague, Dr. Eric Hampton, and his contributions to building and enriching a positive and engaged culture of student learning assessment among the faculty of Indiana State University. Dr. Hampton served as Chair of the University Assessment Council, in addition to serving multiple terms on the Council representing the Bayh College of Education. In his work as Professor in the Department of Applied Clinical and Educational Sciences, Dr. Hampton was highly regarded for his expertise in statistics, assessment, and educational research and evaluation, and was regularly called upon to mentor students and faculty alike in their assessment efforts. Dr. Hampton was a constant champion for recognizing the efforts of faculty conducting meaningful assessment and using evidence to inform strategies to improve student learning. Dr. Hampton's spirit continues to influence the work of faculty and the University Assessment Council, and this award has been established to honor his commitment by recognizing faculty who carry on his legacy of contributing to a positive culture of assessment at Indiana State University.

The Hampton Award recipient will be honored by the University Assessment Council each spring semester, and will receive an award of \$1,000 (taxable) and a plaque to honor the achievement.

Criteria and Instructions for Nominations:

Faculty members of any rank, inclusive of professors and instructors of full and part time designations, are eligible for nomination. The activities described in the nomination should be central to the nominee's faculty role and/or activities.

A nomination letter or letters can be submitted to the Awards Committee via Shelley Arvin at Shelley.Arvin@indstate.edu. Self-nominations are welcome and should include at least one letter of support from a colleague. The letter should detail the nominee's contributions to a positive culture of assessment at Indiana State University. Positive assessment culture may be broadly interpreted as any combination of the following, though this is not an exhaustive list:

- Encouraging involvement of faculty in meaningful assessment activities. These are activities intentionally designed to help faculty answer questions they have about student learning, success, engagement, etc. They can be designed to address specific factors influencing student outcomes, or they can be more broadly designed to gain insights into student outcomes in order to better pinpoint areas for improvement.
- Encouraging improvement of assessment activities to produce high quality data for understanding student outcomes and answering faculty questions. This could also include improvement to assessment through innovation, developing more efficient practices, utilizing technology, and so on.
- Including multiple stakeholders in assessment activities, as well as widely sharing assessment findings and engaging others in conversations around the meaning of findings and how to use them to inform practice.

- Increasing assessment capacity among the faculty through developing positive perceptions and attitudes, knowledge of assessment uses and practices, capacity building for assessment skills, interpretation, and use, and informing faculty on best practices, trends, and innovations in the field of assessment.
- Involving faculty in the use of data to influence student outcomes, including the comparison of data trends over time.
- Recognizing and celebrating faculty engagement in assessment, and championing faculty involvement in assessment service, such as on University Assessment Council or college/department-based assessment committees.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee of the University Assessment Council. **The last day to submit nominations is Friday, March 15 at 4:30pm.** Contact Shelley Arvin, Chair of the University Assessment Council, at Shelley.Arvin@indstate.edu with any questions. We thank you for recognizing the outstanding work of your colleagues!