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	Strongly Disagree	45	3.9%
	Disagree	48	4.2%
	Only Slightly Disagree	25	2.2%
I am highly interested in my institution's assessment efforts.	Only Slightly Agree	232	20.1%
	Agree	481	41.6%
	Strongly Agree	324	28.1%
	Total	1155	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	35	3.1%
	Disagree	87	7.6%
	Only Slightly Disagree	40	3.5%
I am actively engaged in my institution's assessment efforts.	Only Slightly Agree	257	22.4%
	Agree	427	37.3%
	Strongly Agree	300	26.2%
	Total	1146	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	226	19.9%
	Disagree	410	36.2%
	Only Slightly Disagree	119	10.5%
If assessment was not required I would not be doing it.	Only Slightly Agree	141	12.4%
	Agree	146	12.9%
	Strongly Agree	92	8.1%
	Total	1134	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	42	3.7%
	Disagree	106	9.3%
Assessments of programs are typically connected back to student	Only Slightly Disagree	63	5.5%
learning.	Only Slightly Agree	210	18.5%
icarining.	Agree	494	43.4%
	Strongly Agree	223	19.6%
	Total	1138	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	114	10.1%
	Disagree	345	30.4%
	Only Slightly Disagree	153	13.5%
Assessment efforts do not have a clear focus.	Only Slightly Agree	232	20.5%
	Agree	219	19.3%
	Strongly Agree	71	6.3%
	Total	1134	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	181	15.9%
	Disagree	297	26.2%
	Only Slightly Disagree	110	9.7%
Assessment is a necessary evil in higher education.	Only Slightly Agree	213	18.8%
	Agree	235	20.7%
	Strongly Agree	99	8.7%
	Total	1135	100.0%

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Assessment is conducted based on the whims of the people in charge.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	192 373 139 190 159 85 1138	16.9% 32.8% 12.2% 16.7% 14.0% 7.5% 100.0%
Discussions about student learning are at the heart of my institution.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	51 106 76 256 428 223 1140	4.5% 9.3% 6.7% 22.5% 37.5% 19.6% 100.0%
Assessment processes yield evidence of my institution's effectivness.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	76 124 103 287 387 159 1136	6.7% 10.9% 9.1% 25.3% 34.1% 14.0% 100.0%
I clearly understand assessment processes at my institution.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	39 124 98 277 441 158 1137	3.4% 10.9% 8.6% 24.4% 38.8% 13.9% 100.0%
Single most appropriate response: " is the primary reason assessment is conducted at my institution."	Access to financial Accountability Accreditation Compliance with Improving student Other Tradition Total	24 144 392 87 431 46 12 1136	2.1% 12.7% 34.5% 7.7% 37.9% 4.0% 1.1% 100.0%
It is clear who is ultimately in charge of assessment.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	52 142 74 253 341 185 1047	5.0% 13.6% 7.1% 24.2% 32.6% 17.7% 100.0%

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Faculty are in charge of assessment at my institution.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	88 170 123 290 277 91 1039	8.5% 16.4% 11.8% 27.9% 26.7% 8.8% 100.0%
Senior leaders i.e. President or Provost have made clear their expectations regarding assessment.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	51 158 90 251 354 142 1046	4.9% 15.1% 8.6% 24.0% 33.8% 13.6% 100.0%
I am familiar with the office that leads student assessment efforts for accreditation purposes.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	56 165 99 199 332 194 1045	5.4% 15.8% 9.5% 19.0% 31.8% 18.6% 100.0%
I am familiar with the office that leads student assessment efforts for student learning	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	70 180 107 208 323 159 1047	6.7% 17.2% 10.2% 19.9% 30.9% 15.2% 100.0%
Faculty leadership is necessary for my institution's assessment efforts.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	25 42 38 138 427 370 1040	2.4% 4.0% 3.7% 13.3% 41.1% 35.6% 100.0%
Assessment is vital to my institution's way of operating.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	35 91 57 214 393 195 985	3.6% 9.2% 5.8% 21.7% 39.9% 19.8% 100.0%
Assessment is primarily the responsibility of faculty members.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	32 121 122 206 368 136 985	3.2% 12.3% 12.4% 20.9% 37.4% 13.8% 100.0%

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Assessment is primarily the responsibility of administrators.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	91 257 163 268 172 36 987	9.2% 26.0% 16.5% 27.2% 17.4% 3.6% 100.0%
My institution is structured in a way that facilitates assessment practices focused on improved student learning.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	62 139 109 237 309 127 983	6.3% 14.1% 11.1% 24.1% 31.4% 12.9% 100.0%
Assessment for accreditation purposes is prioritized above other assessment efforts.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	17 112 119 241 299 190 978	1.7% 11.5% 12.2% 24.6% 30.6% 19.4% 100.0%
Budgets can be negatively impacted by assessment results.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	41 158 177 276 219 84 955	4.3% 16.5% 18.5% 28.9% 22.9% 8.8% 100.0%
There are sufficient financial resources to make changes at my institution.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	146 165 148 214 228 57 958	15.2% 17.2% 15.4% 22.3% 23.8% 5.9% 100.0%
Administrators are supportive of making changes.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	57 95 102 258 363 89 964	5.9% 9.9% 10.6% 26.8% 37.7% 9.2% 100.0%
In general a recommended change is more likely to be enacted by administrators if it is supported by assessment data.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	28 53 76 260 403 144 964	2.9% 5.5% 7.9% 27.0% 41.8% 14.9% 100.0%

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	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree	77 112 119	7.9% 11.5% 12.2%
Assessment is an organized coherent effort at my institution.	Only Slightly Agree	274	28.1%
,	Agree	305	31.3%
	Strongly Agree	89	9.1%
	Total	976	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	65	6.9%
	Disagree	207	21.8%
	Only Slightly Disagree	262	27.6%
Assessment results have no impact on resource allocations.	Only Slightly Agree	232	24.5%
	Agree	127	13.4%
	Strongly Agree	55	5.8%
	Total	948	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree Disagree	88 186	9.2% 19.4%
	Only Slightly Disagree	186 96	19.4%
Assessment results are regularly shared throughout my institution.	Only Slightly Agree	235	24.5%
Assessment results are regularly shared throughout my institution.	Agree	260	27.1%
	Strongly Agree	96	10.0%
	Total	961	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	64	6.7%
	Disagree	153	15.9%
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Student assessment results are regularly shared with faculty members.	Only Slightly Agree	241	25.1%
memoers.	Agree	273	28.4%
	Strongly Agree	139	14.5%
	Total	960	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	112	11.8%
	Disagree	213	22.4%
Assessment success stories are formally shared throughout my	Only Slightly Disagree	143	15.1%
institution.	Only Slightly Agree	253	26.6%
	Agree	180	18.9%
	Strongly Agree Total	49 950	5.2% 100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	128	13.4%
	Disagree Disagree	233	24.5%
	Only Slightly Disagree	154	16.2%
I am aware of several assessment success stories (i.e. instances of	Only Slightly Agree	237	24.9%
assessment resulting in important changes).	Agree	151	15.9%
	Strongly Agree	49	5.1%
	Total	952	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	99	10.4%
	Disagree	195	20.5%
Administrators share assessment data with faculty members using a	Only Slightly Disagree	131	13.8%
variety of communication strategies (i.e., meetings, web, written	Only Slightly Agree	225	23.7%
correspondence, presentations).	Agree	229	24.1%
	Strongly Agree	72	7.6%
	Total	951	100.0%

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Assessment results are available to faculty by request.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	31 78 126 228 355 112 930	3.3% 8.4% 13.5% 24.5% 38.2% 12.0% 100.0%
Assessment data are available to faculty by request.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	36 88 136 226 345 97 928	3.9% 9.5% 14.7% 24.4% 37.2% 10.5% 100.0%
Communication of assessment results has been effective.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	112 176 151 234 208 59 940	11.9% 18.7% 16.1% 24.9% 22.1% 6.3% 100.0%
Assessment data are used to identify the extent to which student learning outcomes are met.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	36 89 56 232 364 133 910	4.0% 9.8% 6.2% 25.5% 40.0% 14.6% 100.0%
Assessment results are used to scare faculty into compliance with what the administration wants.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	145 331 118 151 100 62 907	16.0% 36.5% 13.0% 16.6% 11.0% 6.8% 100.0%
Assessment data are regularly used in official institutional communications.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	54 164 128 277 236 38 897	6.0% 18.3% 14.3% 30.9% 26.3% 4.2% 100.0%
Assessment results are used for improvement.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	44 92 75 250 331 109 901	4.9% 10.2% 8.3% 27.7% 36.7% 12.1% 100.0%

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Assessment results are used to punish faculty members (i.e. Not rewarding innovation or effective teaching, research, or service).	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	189 350 157 117 55 35 903	20.9% 38.8% 17.4% 13.0% 6.1% 3.9% 100.0%
Assessment results are criticized for going nowhere (i.e. not leading to change).	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	73 215 158 198 166 81 891	8.2% 24.1% 17.7% 22.2% 18.6% 9.1% 100.0%
There is pressure to reveal only positive results from assessment efforts.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	126 319 148 143 108 52 896	14.1% 35.6% 16.5% 16.0% 12.1% 5.8% 100.0%
Change occurs more readily when supported by assessment results.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	35 58 106 238 359 101 897	3.9% 6.5% 11.8% 26.5% 40.0% 11.3% 100.0%
Assessment results in a fair depiction of what I do as a faculty member.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	124 166 145 228 214 28 905	13.7% 18.3% 16.0% 25.2% 23.6% 3.1% 100.0%
Assessment results in an accurate depiction of what I do as a faculty member.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	133 175 159 231 182 26 906	14.7% 19.3% 17.5% 25.5% 20.1% 2.9% 100.0%
The majority of administrators are supportive of assessment.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	5 18 22 132 491 218 886	0.6% 2.0% 2.5% 14.9% 55.4% 24.6% 100.0%

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The majority of administrators primarily emphasize assessment for the improvement of student learning.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	30 88 74 245 318 136 891	3.4% 9.9% 8.3% 27.5% 35.7% 15.3% 100.0%
The majority of administrators only focus on assessment in response to compliance requirements.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	47 149 104 201 276 111 888	5.3% 16.8% 11.7% 22.6% 31.1% 12.5% 100.0%
I support the ways in which administrators have used assessment on my campus.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	64 98 101 258 281 81 883	7.2% 11.1% 11.4% 29.2% 31.8% 9.2% 100.0%
I have a generally positive attitude toward my institution's culture of assessment.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	58 111 78 214 301 129 891	6.5% 12.5% 8.8% 24.0% 33.8% 14.5% 100.0%
Assessment is vital to my institution's future.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	28 33 39 165 395 228 888	3.2% 3.7% 4.4% 18.6% 44.5% 25.7% 100.0%
Assessment supports student learning at my institution.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	48 99 66 220 312 147 892	5.4% 11.1% 7.4% 24.7% 35.0% 16.5% 100.0%
Administrators use assessment as a form of control (i.e. to regulate institutional processes).	Strongly Disagree Disagree Only Slightly Disagree Only Slightly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Total	61 209 142 228 179 63 882	6.9% 23.7% 16.1% 25.9% 20.3% 7.1% 100.0%

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	Strongly Disagree	136	15.3%
	Disagree	126	14.1%
	Only Slightly Disagree	108	12.1%
I enjoy engaging in institutional assessment efforts.	Only Slightly Agree	204	22.9%
	Agree	220	24.7%
	Strongly Agree	97	10.9%
	Total	891	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	76	8.6%
	Disagree	95	10.7%
	Only Slightly Disagree	96	10.8%
I engage in institutional assessment because doing so makes a	Only Slightly Agree	190	21.4%
makes a difference to student learning at my institution.	Agree	280	31.5%
	Strongly Agree	151	17.0%
	Total	888	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	56	6.3%
	Disagree Disagree	57	6.4%
	Only Slightly Disagree	61	6.9%
I engage in institutional assessment efforts because it is the right		170	19.2%
thing to do for our students.	Only Slightly Agree		
	Agree	334	37.7%
	Strongly Agree	208	23.5%
	Total	886	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	195	22.0%
	Disagree	291	32.8%
	Only Slightly Disagree	125	14.1%
I avoid doing institutional assessment activities if I can.	Only Slightly Agree	126	14.2%
	Agree	99	11.2%
	Strongly Agree	50	5.6%
	Total	886	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	227	25.5%
	Disagree	268	30.1%
I engage in assessment because I am afraid of what will happen if I	Only Slightly Disagree	107	12.0%
do not.	Only Slightly Agree	138	15.5%
do not.	Agree	102	11.5%
	Strongly Agree	47	5.3%
	Total	889	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	251	28.4%
	Disagree	296	33.4%
	Only Slightly Disagree	108	12.2%
I perceive assessment as a threat to academic freedom.	Only Slightly Agree	108	12.2%
The state of the s	Agree	67	7.6%
	Strongly Agree	55	6.2%
	Total	885	100.0%
	Strongly Disagree	30	3.4%
	~ ~	48	5.4%
	Disagree		
In general I am eager to work with administrators.	Only Slightly Disagree	52	5.8%
	Only Slightly Agree	164	18.4%
	Agree	423	47.4%
	Strongly Agree	176	19.7%
	Total	893	100.0%

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I do not have time to engage in assessment efforts.	Strongly Disagree	109	12.2%
	Disagree	256	28.8%
	Only Slightly Disagree	165	18.5%
	Only Slightly Agree	181	20.3%
	Agree	120	13.5%
	Strongly Agree	59	6.6%
	Total	890	100.0%
My academic department or college truly values faculty involvement in assessment	Strongly Disagree	39	4.4%
	Disagree	44	5.0%
	Only Slightly Disagree	68	7.7%
	Only Slightly Agree	188	21.2%
	Agree	368	41.4%
	Strongly Agree	181	20.4%
	Total	888	100.0%
Assessment is someone elses problem not mine.	Strongly Disagree	321	36.2%
	Disagree	372	41.9%
	Only Slightly Disagree	104	11.7%
	Only Slightly Agree	56	6.3%
	Agree	24	2.7%
	Strongly Agree	10	1.1%
	Total	887	100.0%
Engaging in assessment also benefits my research/scholarship agenda.	Strongly Disagree	139	16.0%
	Disagree	170	19.5%
	Only Slightly Disagree	88	10.1%
	Only Slightly Agree	182	20.9%
	Agree	216	24.8%
	Strongly Agree	75	8.6%
	Total	870	100.0%
Assessment is a good thing for me to do.	Strongly Disagree	39	4.4%
	Disagree	54	6.1%
	Only Slightly Disagree	51	5.7%
	Only Slightly Agree	150	16.9%
	Agree	385	43.4%
	Strongly Agree	208	23.4%
	Total	887	100.0%
Assessment is a good thing for my institution to do.	Strongly Disagree	26	2.9%
	Disagree	29	3.3%
	Only Slightly Disagree	25	2.8%
	Only Slightly Agree	137	15.5%
	Agree	414	46.8%
	Strongly Agree	254	28.7%
	Total	885	100.0%

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