SLO Committee Comments on 2010 Assessment Report: Department of Information & Decision Systems

The committee reviewers are pleased with the continuing assessment plans of the Information and Decision Systems (IDS) programs, particularly with their efforts to *close the loop* of assessment and improvement.

The assessment committees of both the BSBA and MSBA programs have improved their assessment plans based on the letter from this committee last year. In particular, the use of four-point scales (1=unsatisfactory and 4=very good) has been more clearly enunciated this time with clear descriptions of what each level of achievement means for the different program outcomes.

Another recommendation of this committee last year was to not rely on exams and projects of specific courses for the purpose of program outcome assessment. Instead, it was suggested that a pool of multiple choice or short answer questions be developed and enlarged over time. The department has not had an opportunity to do that due to the furloughs and lack of resources. We recommend that you consider placing this item at the top of the list this year.