

General Information

Planning and Assessment

The Office of Planning and Assessment was established in 1999. The director is responsible for both the university planning process and the assessment process. Working with the University Planning Group, the office has facilitated the university's strategic planning process and is also responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the plan.

An integral component of understanding and improving the student experience is a coordinated program of assessing student learning. Assessment of student learning is a university-wide effort, bridging both academic and student affairs, with the support of the university administration. The assessment program requires the systematic collection of information in order to both document and improve student learning. Ultimately, the information collected as part of the assessment program serves as a basis for curricular reform, program development, budgets and strategic planning.

Effective assessment of student learning relies on collaboration between students, faculty and administrative staff. Assessment of student learning occurs in the academic major, the core curriculum and in student life. Student participation in the assessment program is essential in meeting the university's commitment to student learning. John Carroll University requires students actively to participate in the institution's assessment program by completing surveys, tests, writing assignments, interviews, and other assessment-related activities.

The University Assessment Committee (UAC) is the primary oversight body for the student outcomes assessment programs of the university. Working with the UAC, the office provides support for the university's assessment efforts, including the development and implementation of the assessment plans of the university and the academic departments.

The UAC is comprised of five appointed faculty, the director of Institutional Research, the director of the University Core Curriculum, the associate academic vice president, two appointed representatives from the Division of Student Affairs, and an undergraduate and a graduate student. The director of Planning and Assessment chairs the committee. **Director:** Dr. Nicholas R. Santilli.