General Description: The Assessment Fellow Program is intended to provide academic and co-curricular assessment experience and skill development to a member of the University faculty and/or AP staff who has an interest in student learning. It is an opportunity for such a colleague to work with the Associate Provost for Academic Programs and the Office of Assessment and Program Review to create, maintain, and support a culture of evidence and improvement of student learning outcomes. The selected faculty or staff member will also work to develop a focus on student success by engaging program and college-wide assessment coordinators. After some specialized training to increase skills and knowledge about student learning, the Fellow will gain insight into assessment practices and procedures, such as assisting colleagues with creating assessment plans, writing annual assessment reports, and engaging in a community of professional practice. Projects of mutual interest to the Fellow and the Provost’s Office are encouraged.

Timing: Fellows will be asked to apply by the close of business on the last day of the 12th week of each semester for appointment during the following term, excluding summer semester. The application deadline for the Fall 2016 Assessment Fellow Program is Friday, April 8 2016.

Eligibility: All full-time SIU faculty and AP staff are eligible to apply.

Compensation: Fellows will receive office support and guidance from the Office of Assessment and Program Review and from the Associate Provost for Academic Programs.

Application Procedure: Applicants should submit a letter of interest, a vita/résumé, and two letters of endorsement (one from their chair or immediate supervisor, the other from the college dean or director) to the Office of the Associate Provost, MC 4305. Candidates should also submit the names, titles, addresses, and e-mail addresses of three references.

Application letters should include the following information: details regarding the candidate’s interest in assessment and how it fits into their professional interests in specific areas of expertise, whether they are currently responsible for any assessment activities occurring within their college/program, and a brief personal statement regarding the reason for the applicant’s interest in the Assessment Fellows program. Candidates will propose one or more possible projects for the fellowship semester(s). Based on current professional interests and/or responsibilities, time commitments are negotiable as appropriate to assignments, workload, and proposed project(s).

Selection: The Provost, in consultation with the Associate Provost for Academic Programs, will select the Assessment Fellow(s) based on areas of interest, demonstrated commitment to student learning outcomes, and existing needs of the University at the time of selection.