# Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Quality Assurance (QA) Report For Associate Degree Business Programs

Current as of December 2013

#### Overview (O)1. Complete all information requested.

Submit your report as an attachment to reports@acbsp.org on or before February 15th or September 15th.

O 2. Institution Name: Northern O	2/15/2016	_		
Address: 1220 E. Grand, Tonkawa	a, OK 74653			_
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O 3. Year Accredited/Reaffirmed:_	1992 / 2008	This Report Covers Years:	2014-2015	

O 4. List All Accredited Programs (as they appear in your catalog):

Note: Listing new programs here does not confer accreditation. New degree programs, majors or emphases must be in effect for at least two years and have graduates and follow the guidance in the process book before accreditation will be granted Business Administration, Business Administration – International Option, Business Administration – MIS

Option, Computer Science, Business Management, Office Management, Office Management – Medical Assistant

Option, Information Technology – Network Engineering Option, Information Technology – Web Development Option, Information Technology – Interactive Media Option

Due to changes in how the Higher Learning Commission interprets the Oklahoma system of cooperative programs between Community Colleges and Technology Centers, several degree programs have been suspended. In short, technical coursework was previously completed at are technology centers and general education coursework was completed at the partner community college, NOC being one. It was ruled that this system could not continue in its present form unless the technology centers became sites of the partner community college, an expansive and costly contract was created, or the technical coursework was shifted to being provided at the community colleges. The technology centers wished to maintain their autonomy, as a result the following programs were suspended as resources did not allow for hiring additional faculty to provide the technical coursework. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education is actively pursuing a solution to this issue and if a resolution is found, the programs could be reinstated.

O 5. List all programs that are in your business unit that are not accredited by ACBSP and how you distinguish accurately to
the public between programs that have achieved accredited status and those that have not.
AA & AS in Enterprise Development – Business Administration Area of Emphasis,
AA & AS in Enterprise Development – General Studies Option
AAS in Business Management – Accounting Option
AAS in Business Management – Entrepreneurship Option
On the Northern Oklahoma College Business Division Website, accredited degrees are indicated with an asterisk and
in the catalog, the accredited programs (and not accredited programs) are indicated on the degree sheets.
O 6. List all campuses that a student can earn a business degree from your institution:  Tonkawa, Oklahoma  Enid, Oklahoma  Stillwater, Oklahoma
University Center of Ponca City
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O 8. Conditions or Notes to be Addressed: You do not need to address Opportunity for Improvement (OFI).

No conditions or notes were reported on the last report.

O 9. The business unit must routinely provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement such as assessment results.

The Business Division posts current ACBSP reports (Self-study and QA Reports), Divisional Meeting Minutes and Advisory Board Meeting Minutes on the divisional website. Additionally, the course objectives are linked to the related student learning outcomes with results reported on a matrix under the Assurance of Learning tab of the divisional website. Institutional and program results are listed in the NOC Fact Book, which is posted annually to the website and limited paper copies are created for dissemination. This Fact Book includes graduation rates, enrollment and employment related data as well as specific program data for the two accredited programs, Business and Nursing. Information is presented semi-annually to the Business Advisory Board, annually to the NOC Board of Regents in person and monthly in a written report to the NOC Board of Regents. Press release information for Kappa Beta Delta honorees and other student achievement is included in local papers and on the Business Division website under News and Links.

# Standard #1 Leadership

# Organization

a. List any organizational or administrative personnel changes within the business unit since your last report.

No changes to the administrative personnel within the business unit since the last report. Two new faculty positions were created for the division since the last report. One full-time Accounting position on the Stillwater campus and one two-fifths time Accounting position on the Tonkawa campus.

b. List all new sites where students can earn an accredited business degree (international campus, off-campus or on campus, on-line) that have been added since your last report.

No new sites were added since the last report.

**Standard #2 Strategic Planning** (this standard not typically addressed in the QA report) This is used as a place holder to allow all the other standards to be addressed in the QA report and keep the numbering system consistent with self-studies and QA reports.

No response needed. No notes or conditions were listed in the last report.

Examples of Strategic Initiatives are included with the Table Files for Associate Degree QA Reports.

# Standard #3 Student and Stakeholder Focus

Student- and Stal	keholder-Focused I		Student- and stakeholder-focused results examine how well your organization satisfies students and stakeholders key needs and expectations.				
Performance Measure	Measurement Instrument and Length of Cycle	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends		
Student Satisfac		T .					
Business students will give a mean satisfaction rating of 4.0 or higher on a 5.0 scale (80% or better) regarding 1. My program of study was challenging. 2. The curriculum was relevant to my academic needs. 3. The curriculum was relevant to my professional needs.	The satisfaction ratings are based on results of the Peregrine Student Satisfaction Survey. The survey focuses on satisfaction with the business curriculum, faculty and programs and is administered each semester in conjunction with the Peregrine program assessment.	96, 152 and 93 students completed the survey in the Fall 2014, Spring 2015 and Fall 2015 semesters respectively. The mean scores for question 1 were 3.91, 3.72 and 3.97 respectively. The mean scores for question 2 were 3.91, 4.08 and 4.07 respectively. The mean scores for question 3 were 3.72, 4.01 and 4.0 respectively.	Each of the indicators of student satisfaction is above the benchmark for questions 2 and 3 in the last two semesters. Satisfaction has shown increases in all areas overall since Fall 2014.	Faculty reviewed the data and determined that since the majority of our students complete the AS in Business Administration in order to transfer into a bachelors program, increased discussion regarding the linkage of the introductory courses that are taught at Northern with the program of study in which they will transfer needed to increase. Faculty have increased these discussions during course discussions as well as during academic advisement sessions.	Mean Score of Business Students    Fall 14   Spr 15   Fall 15		

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Student Satisfac					
NOC Business Students will rate their satisfaction with the various services at NOC as either equal to or greater than the institutional mean scores with a desired minimum mean score for all areas at or above 4.0 on a 5.0 scale.	An institutionally developed and administered student satisfaction survey is administered each spring. The survey was developed by the Office of Institutional Research in spring 2015, so only one year of data is available at this time.	Business faculty evaluated 9 areas of satisfaction. The Business Students represented 15% of the overall respondents. Business students were more satisfied than the general population in the areas of Finance, Financial Aid, Tutoring, Library and Research Tools, and IT Help. Business students rated satisfaction with Advisement, Faculty Availability, Facilities and Overall Experience lower than then general student population.	Overall business student results were comparable to the overall institutional results. Areas in that fell below the desired 4.0 were advisement, financial aid, tutoring and IT help.	Advisement has been a major focus and a comprehensive analysis of the registration and advisement process is planned for spring 2016. The Business Division has reviewed the list of advisees and made the advisee load more equitable, with the desired outcome to be increased satisfaction with both advisement and faculty availability. The financial aid office has created a required online module explaining the financial aid process and the risks of borrowing. These effects of these changes will be evaluated with the next satisfaction survey.	Mean Score of Business Students  Business Institutional  4.50  4.00  3.50  3.65  3.65  3.12  2.00  Advisement Financial Financial Tutoring Faculty Library / IT Help Facilities Experience Tools

Performance Measure	Measurement Instrument and Length of Cycle	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement made	Inser	t Graphs or Ta Tren		f Resulting
Internships:								
100% of the employers who sponsor an intern will respond to the Supervisor / Employer Follow-Up Evaluation and that each employer will indicate that if they had a position available to a person with the intern's background they would hire the intern.	Supervisor Follow-up Survey for Students enrolled in Business Internships— completed at the end of the internship by the supervisor / employer of the intern.	100% of employers who sponsored interns returned the employer / supervisor follow-up surveys. Of all interns placed since Fall 2012, only one employer indicated that they would not hire the intern.	The desired outcome has been achieved since Fall 2012, Continuous monitoring will ensue to insure that quality students are selected as interns AND that quality employers are selected for as internship program sponsors. The number of interns has declined recently, so measures are needed to increase the participation in the internship and job shadowing programs.	As a result of the comments from employers and analysis from faculty and administration, a new position was created for the institution, Dean of Academic Services. The position is responsible for marketing and coordinating Internships and Advisory Boards in order to promote greater partnerships between NOC and the industries we serve.		Fall 2012 Spring 2013 Fall 2014 Fall 2014 Spring 2015	Would Hire Yes 1 1 1 1 N/A 3	

Performance Measure	Measurement Instrument and Length of Cycle	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement made	Insert Gra		Table ends	s of Re	sulting
Internships (cont	inued):								
100% of student interns will	Intern	100% of the	A desirable outcome has	After an analysis of the institutional		Related Field?	to	Adequate Respons	
respond to the	Completion Questionnaire for	interns placed since Fall 2012	been achieved	internship		Yes	No	Yes	No
Intern	Students enrolled	completed the	since, fall 2012,	process in spring	Fall 2012	1	0	1	0
Completion	in Business	Intern	but the number	2015, it was	Spring 2013	1	0	1	0
Questionnaire	Internships—	Completion	of students	determined that	Fall 2013	1	0	1	0
and will indicate	completed at the	Questionnaire.	completing	an institution wide	Spring 2014	1	0	1	0
that the work	end of the	All indicated that	internship	internship	Fall 2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
assignments	internship by the	the work	opportunities	coordinator would	Spring 2015	3	0	2	1
were closely	student intern.	assignments	has decreased	best serve the					
related to their		were closely	overall in the last	internship					
field of study		related to their	three years.	program in its					
and/or career		field of study and	Regarding the	marketing and					
objectives and		all but one	student who	coordination					
they were given		student indicated	indicated that	efforts. The					
an adequate		that they were	the desired level	change was					
amount of		given an	of responsibility	made in Fall 2015					
responsibility.		adequate	was not	and have caused					
		amount of	achieved, the	a higher degree					
		responsibility.	divisional	of promotion of					
			coordinator	the internship					
			followed up with	program.					
			the business and	Increased					
			determined that	participation in					
			the amount of	the program will					
			responsibility	be monitored					
			was at an	over the next two					
			appropriate level	years.					
			for an intern.						

performance is the fa	): pric is used by aculty advisor	100% of				Trends	
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based on rubric evaluation of a portfolio of information submitted jointly by the intern and the employer / supervisor of the intern.  Composite transcription of the intern.  Composite transcription of the transcription	raluate the ent intern olio. The olio consists of sume, nship ication, a copy e student's script, a signed pany ervisor / olty Agreement, ned essional ement Form, a f duties and s, Weekly Time ets, Mid-term Final loyee ouation, Midand Final ent Selfouation, loyer's Report overall ormance, and oldent	students placed since Fall 2012 scored 70% or better on the portfolio based on the rubric. The average score overall for the portfolios across the 6 semesters was a 96.27%.	The changes to the course curriculum that were implemented in spring 2013 have been positive and added to the internship experience. However, the submission of the additional documents in a timely manner was not ideal.	Anecdotal results include positive feedback from both the divisional internship coordinator and the students that the new format / rubric for the report clarified what is expected in the portfolio. To improve the problem of timely submission of required documents, the use of Blackboard as the LMS system was implemented in spring 2015. Continued annual reviews of the portfolio requirements will be conducted to insure appropriate evaluation of the internship	SEM Fall 2012 Spring 2013 Fall 2013 Spring 2014 Fall 2014 Spring 2015	Number of Students  1 1 1 N/A 3	%of students who scored 70% or better 100% 100% 100% N/A 100%

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Student Advisem	ent Satisfaction:				
The percentage of NOC students declaring an area of business as their major will be proportional to the percentage of NOC graduates receiving a business degree.	The annual number of majors as a percent of overall institutional majors (including "undecided") compared to the number of graduates with business degrees as a percent of total NOC graduates.	The percent of NOC graduates receiving degrees in Business (17.9%, 19.2% 17.3%, 20.4% and 17.5%) exceeded the percent of NOC majors declaring business as the major (10.7%, 10.8%, 12.1%, 11.3% and 11.9%) in 2010 thru 2014. This is an indication that advising of students toward degree is resulting in more majors actually completing the degree.	Advisement to encourage students to declare the major earlier in their college career has continued to improve steadily since 2010.	We will continue to monitor and analyze the advisement process for possible improvement strategies. More effort has been made to make advisee load more equitable in order increase advisor / advisee contact and to identify business students earlier and encourage them to declare a major rather than be listed as the default of Arts & Sciences. Further, the Registrar has developed reverse articulation agreements with three 4-year schools in Oklahoma in order to facilitate an increase in degree completion. Expansion to all Oklahoma colleges and universities is planned.	% of Business Majors v. % of Graduates with Business Degrees  25.0%    Disciness Majors as % of Total Number of NOC Majors     Business Degree Graduates as % of NOC Total Graduates

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Business and Inc	lustry Satisfaction:				
100% of Business Advisory Board members and industry representatives will indicate answer yes to the question "Do you feel that NOC graduates that you've hired are adequately prepared to enter the industry?"	The measurement instrument is an annual survey of the Business Advisory Board.	100% of the respondents for the last three years indicated that the NOC graduates were adequately prepared to enter their respective industries.	The sample size of 9 external advisory board members was determined to be too small even though the desired result was achieved for three consecutive years.	The survey will be expanded to service area businesses, in order to gather more reliable data. The Business Division will reach out to area Chambers of Commerce to help facilitate the collection of survey data. Anecdotal data collected from the Advisory Board members indicated that "soft skills" was an area that was in need of improvement for all employees, so Business faculty are researching options to include emphasis on soft skills in both courses and in the form of community development seminars	Business Advisory Board Survey  75.0%  2013  2014  2015  Who Agree that NOC Students are Adequately Prepared for Industries

# Standard #4 Measurement and Analysis of Student Learning and Performance

#### a. Program Outcomes

List outcomes, by accredited program - Program outcomes should be used as part of a student learning assessment plan and be measurable.

#### **AS – Business Administration**

- 1. Apply basic business principles and utilize analytical tools to evaluate various business scenarios critically.
- 2. Communicate through various mediums and use technological skills to convey, promote and interpret business information.
- 3. Maintain and interpret accurate financial information. Including demonstration of skills to analyze, post and manage financial information, to facilitate transaction analysis and statement analysis, to accurately budget, to implement appropriate internal controls and prepare basic cost analysis.
- 4. Demonstrate an understanding of ethical behavior and identify ethically responsible business decisions.
- 5. Illustrate an understanding of basic economic markets including supply and demand in order to prioritize the use of resources and determine price and production levels.
- 6. Demonstrate the ability to analyze the effects that a global economy has on single firms, industries, markets, and financial performance.

# AS – Business Administration – International Business Option

- 1. Apply basic business principles and utilize analytical tools to evaluate various business scenarios critically.
- 2. Communicate through various mediums and use technological skills to convey, promote and interpret business information.
- 3. Maintain and interpret accurate financial information. Including demonstration of skills to analyze, post and manage financial information, to facilitate transaction analysis and statement analysis, to accurately budget, to implement appropriate internal controls and prepare basic cost analysis.
- 4. Demonstrate an understanding of ethical behavior and identify ethically responsible business decisions.
- 5. Illustrate an understanding of basic economic markets including supply and demand in order to prioritize the use of resources and determine price and production levels.
- 6. Demonstrate the ability to analyze the effects that a global economy has on single firms, industries, markets, and financial performance.
- 7. Demonstrate a sufficient level of language expertise to interact in a multilingual marketplace, including conversational, reading, and composition skills.

#### AS – Business Administration – MIS Option

- 1. Apply basic business principles and utilize analytical tools to evaluate various business scenarios critically.
- 2. Communicate through various mediums and use technological skills to convey, promote and interpret business information.
- 3. Maintain and interpret accurate financial information. Including demonstration of skills to analyze, post and manage financial information, to facilitate transaction analysis and statement analysis, to accurately budget, to implement appropriate internal controls and prepare basic cost analysis.
- 4. Demonstrate an understanding of ethical behavior and identify ethically responsible business decisions.
- 5. Illustrate an understanding of basic economic markets including supply and demand in order to prioritize the use of resources and determine price and production levels.
- 6. Demonstrate the ability to analyze the effects that a global economy has on single firms, industries, markets, and financial performance.
- 7. Demonstrate programming expertise required for the analysis, development, evaluation and implementation of various information and communication technologies critical for today's organizations.

#### **AAS – Business Management**

- 1. Apply basic business principles and utilize analytical tools to evaluate various business scenarios critically.
- 2. Communicate through various mediums and use technological skills to convey, promote and interpret business information.
- 3. Maintain and interpret accurate financial information. Including demonstration of skills to analyze, post and manage financial information, to facilitate transaction analysis and statement analysis, to accurately budget, to implement appropriate internal controls and prepare basic cost analysis.
- 4. Demonstrate an understanding of ethical behavior and identify ethically responsible business decisions.
- 5. Illustrate an understanding of basic economic markets including supply and demand in order to prioritize the use of resources and determine price and production levels.
- 6. Demonstrate the ability to analyze the effects that a global economy has on single firms, industries, markets, and financial performance.
- 7. Demonstrate the skills and knowledge to appropriately handle a diverse workforce, including basic human relations issues in personnel, training and development, basic employment law, compensation and conflict resolution.
- 8. Demonstrate the skills and knowledge to manage people in a variety of business settings to improve productivity.
- 9. Demonstrate the skills needed to create interest in products and services and promote those products and services to a vast audience.

#### **AS Computer Science**

- 1. Apply basic business principles and utilize analytical tools to evaluate various business scenarios critically.
- 2. Communicate through various mediums and use technological skills to convey, promote and interpret business information.
- 3. The ability to maintain and interpret accurate financial information. Including the skills to analyze, post and manage financial information, to facilitate transaction analysis and statement analysis, and to implement appropriate internal controls.
- 4. Demonstrate an understanding of ethical behavior and identify ethically responsible business decisions.
- 5. Illustrate an understanding of basic economic markets including supply and demand in order to prioritize the use of resources and determine price and production levels.
- 6. Demonstrate the ability to analyze the effects that a global economy has on single firms, industries, markets, and financial performance.
- 7. The necessary level of programming expertise to enable them to create business computer programs using procedural and object-oriented languages.

# b. Standard 4: Student Learning Results (Required for each accredited program)

Performance Indicator			D	efinition	
1. Student Learning Results	Exa incl	A student learning outcome is one that measures a specific competency attainment.  Examples of a direct assessment (evidence) of student learning attainment that might be use include: capstone performance, third-party examination, faculty-designed examination, professional performance, licensure examination).  Analysis of Results			
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Performance Measure Measure Instrument	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement Made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends	
General Education Competency:					
General Education competency is divided into 5 areas: Critical Thinking, Communication Skills, Societal Awareness, Mathematics and Scientific Reasoning, and Quality of Life. Each area is assessed based on the measures determined by the specific areas and the General Education Competency grid is completed annually by the various Divisions within the institution.	Results Vary based on the competency.	The General Education competency grid has been determined to be a good tool overall for the institution, however, the General Education Committee determined that several of the measurement tools may not provide a direct and /or measureable link to the desired competency.	During the Spring 2016 semester, both the General Education competencies and the measurement tools are being revised. A portfolio approach and the use of Blackboard as a data repository is currently being researched. Desired implementation is Fall 2016.	A link to the entire General Education Competency grid is provided and the specific business related measures are listed in the measurements below.  http://www.noc.edu/Websites/northok/files/Conte nt/819971/General Education Competency Grid with 2015-2016 data.pdf	

Performance Measure	Description of Measurement Instrument	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement Made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends
Business Profe	ssional Core Com	petencies:		•	
Introduction to	Business (Apply	basic business p	rinciples to vario	us business scen	arios):
Introduction to  Demonstrate the ability to apply basic business principles and utilize analytical tools to evaluate various business scenarios critically by scoring 70% or better on the Introduction to Business course Common Final Exam.	(Direct, Summative, Internal, Comparative) An instructor developed common comprehensive examination is given to all sections of Intro to Business each semester.	The target score on the exit exam of 70% was not achieved overall in any of the six semesters. In analyzing the scores by Delivery Mode, it was determined that online and traditional students are outscoring ITV students considerably.	Instructors have identified that ITV students need additional attention in order to fully engage them in the learning process. Targeted reviews and additional assignments in weak content areas were assigned.	The number of ITV sections have been decreased and an increased effort to better engage ITV students in the learning process is being made. The importance of incorporating realworld application into the course and program was discussed and a simulation program is being piloted in two sections of Introduction to Business (one daytime and one nighttime). A custom textbook will be explored that incorporates both theoretical content and practical application and / or simulation projects. This will also more closely align the program outcome with the assessment measurement	Introduction to Business Common Final Scores  68.0  66.0  64.0  60.0  58.0  56.0  Fall 12 Spr 13 Fall 13 Spr 14 Fall 14 Spr 15  Introduction to Business Common Final Scores by Delivery Mode  100.0  80.0  40.0  60.0  Fall 12 Spr 13 Fall 13 Spr 14 Fall 14 Spr 15  Introduction to Business Introduction to Business Common Final Scores by Delivery Mode  100.0  80.0  60.0  Fall 12 Spr 13 Fall 13 Spr 14 Fall 14 Spr 15

Performance Measure	Description of Measurement Instrument	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement Made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends
	nologies & Applications		ious mediums and	d use technological skills to convey, promote	
Demonstrate the ability to interpret business information by scoring averaging 70% or better on Business Technologies & Applications conceptual quizzes.	(Direct, Formative, Internal) The quizzes consist of 10 questions, randomly selected for each student from a bank of questions designed for each unit of the course and administered each semester.	The class average on the quizzes has been between 72.7% and 76.2%, remaining consistent during the assessment period. In all semesters, the target benchmark of 70% was achieved.	Though the benchmark of 70% has been surpassed since Fall 2013, when separated by delivery mode, the traditional course average fell below the benchmark in Fall 2014.	To address the decrease in scores, instructors increased the depth of the theoretical discussions and the difficulty of the application projects assigned. A dramatic increase in the quiz scores occurred from Fall 2014 to Spring 2015.	Business Technologies Quiz Averages  Overall Traditional Online  85.0  75.0  70.0  65.0  Fall 13 Spring 14 Fall 14 Spring 15
Communicate through various mediums and use technological skills to convey promote and interpret business information scoring an average of 70% or better on projects Integrating advanced MS Office components.	(Direct, Formative, Internal) Project integrating all four components of MS Office using advanced techniques and assigned each semester.	The class average on the projects have been between 82.6% and 83.5% during the semesters examined. In all semesters, the target benchmark of 70% was achieved.	The benchmark of 70% was achieved in all semesters examined. Faculty expanded the analysis to include comparisons of the various modes of delivery. They found that traditional students outscored online students by a slight margin in all but one semester.	To further examine the score results, instructors will revise grading rubrics for the projects. To ensure consistency in grading and improve grader reliability faculty will grade a sample of projects for comparisons. The rubrics will also be provided to students as a guide to the standards expected by instructors.	Business Technologies Project Averages  Overall Traditional Online  86.0 84.0 82.0 80.0 78.0 76.0 74.0 72.0 70.0 68.0 66.0 Fall 13 Spring 14 Fall 14 Spring 15

Performance Measure	Description of Measurement Instrument	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement Made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends
Financial Accou	ınting (Maintain a	nd interpret accu	rate financial info	ormation to guide	decision making):
Demonstrate the ability to analyze, post and manage financial information, facilitate transaction and statement analysis, and implement internal controls by scoring an average of a 70% or better on a common exit examination.	(Direct, Summative, Internal, Comparative) The exit examination is a common, divisionally developed, comprehensive, objective exam of financial accounting topics covered in the course that is administered each semester.	Average scores on the exit examination did not meet the 70% target for the semesters examined. The trend for this exam indicates average scores ranging from 65.0% to 68.1%. Overall the trend is moving fairly stable, but has room for improvement. Students in traditional (non-ITV) courses performed better than both ITV and Online students.	Since the average scores on the exit examination show stable trends during the analysis period, it was determined that analysis was needed regarding the modalities that may need more improvement. The online and ITV instructors determined that additional preparation, contact and tutoring was needed to improve the scores in both the ITV and online sections. A drastic drop in the online scores has occurred in Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters.	Finding qualified tutors continues to be an issue for the accounting faculty. The division will look for ways to partner with 4-year accounting programs in the area that may be able to provide tutoring services for accounting courses. An analysis of preparedness of students to take an online accounting course is necessary. The low scores coupled with a high attrition rate indicates that the online courses need targeted improvement.	Financial Accounting - Exit Exam Averages  69.0 68.0 67.0 66.0 63.0 Fall 13 Spr 14 Fall 14 Spr 15  Financial Accounting Exit Exam Averages by Delivery Mode  80 70 60 50 40 30 Fall 13 Spr 14 Fall 14 Spr 15

Performance Measure	Description of Measurement Instrument	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement Made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends
Managerial Acc	ounting (Maintain	and interpret ac	curate financial in	nformation to guid	de decision making.):
Demonstrate the ability to accurately budget, implement appropriate internal controls and prepare basic cost analysis by scoring an average of a 70% or better on a common exit examination.	(Direct, Summative, Internal, Comparative) The exit examination is a common, divisionally developed, comprehensive, objective exam of managerial accounting topics covered in the course that is administered each semester.	Average scores on the exit examination exceeded the 70% target for three of the four semesters examined. The trend for this exam indicates average scores ranging from 69.3%-73.1%.	The overall scores have been fairly stable, and were very close to reaching the desirable target benchmark in all semesters. The online and ITV students showed great improvement from fall 2013 to Fall 2015. Online students consistently score lower than the ITV and traditional students.	Interactive prequizzes have been added to online courses to increase identification of difficult material earlier to allow instructors to provided targeted assistance. Finding qualified tutors continues to be an issue for the accounting faculty. The division will look for ways to partner with 4-year accounting programs in the area that may be able to provide tutoring services. An analysis of preparedness of students to take an online accounting course is also necessary. The lower scores coupled with a high attrition rate indicates that the online courses need targeted improvement.	Managerial Accounting Final Exam Averages  80.0 75.0 70.0 65.0 60.0 55.0 50.0 45.0 Fall 13 Spr 14 Fall 14 Spr 15  Managerial Accounting Final Exam Averages by Delivery Mode  85 80 75 70 65 60 45 Fall 13 Spr 14 Fall 14 Spr 15

Performance Measure	Description of Measurement Instrument	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement Made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends					
Macroeconomic	Macroeconomics and Microeconomics (Illustrate an understanding of basic economic markets including supply and demand in									
order to prioritize the use of resources and determine price and production levels and to analyze the effects that a global economy										
has on single firms, industries, markets and financial performance.):										
Illustrate an	(Direct,	The average	Faculty feel	Additional quizzes	Macroeconomics TUCE Averages					
understanding	Summative,	score for all	improvement	on graphing and						
of basic	External,	reported	needs to be	more hands-on activities will be	60.0					
economic	Comparative)	semesters did	made in the area	implemented to	50.0					
markets	The TUCE Test	not exceeded	of application of	assist students in	40.0					
including supply	or Test of	the benchmark	economic	understanding	30.0					
and demand in	Understanding	for Macro or	principles and	graphing concepts.						
order to	in College	Micro in any of	graphing.	Faculty will review	20.0 Fall 13 Spr 14 Fall 14 Spr 15					
prioritize the use	Economics is a	the four	Faculty also feel	the test items more	Macroeconomics					
of resources	nationally	semesters	that less	in depth and identify the lowest	TUCE Averages by Delivery Mode					
and determine	normed 30	examined.	emphasis on test item analysis has	three content areas	■Traditional ■ITV ■Online  70.0					
price and	multiple choice	However, as	been made in the	in order to create	65.0					
production	question exam	compared to the	past than is	focused	55.0					
levels and to	created by the	national sample,	necessary.	assignments to	45.0					
analyze the	Council for	Northern	Further, it has	improve	35.0					
effects that a	Economic	students are	been determined	understanding and retention of those	30.0 Fall 13 Spr 14 Fall 14 Spr 15					
global economy	Education which	scoring well	that the TUCE	trouble content	Microeconomics TUCE Averages					
has on single	evaluates	above the norm	test may not be a	areas. No						
firms, industries,	understanding in	which is 47% for	valid assessment	significant	60.0					
markets and	Macro and	Macroeconomics	tool because of	advantage to using	50.0					
financial	Microeconomics	and 43% for	the availability of	the online Aplia	40.0					
performance by	and is	Microeconomics.	the answers	was recognized, so	30.0					
scoring at or	administered		online.	instructors will use the program as	200					
above the	each semester.			they see fit and as	Fall 13 Spr 14 Fall 14 Spr 15					
national average				it augments their	Microeconomics					
on the TUCE				particular teaching	TUCE Averages by Delivery Mode  75.0 ■Traditional ■ITV ■Online					
Exam with a				styles. Faculty will	70.0					
target average				research to find	60.0					
score of 70% or				another nationally normed	55.0					
better for				assessment tool or	45.0					
Northern				develop an in-	35.0					
students.				house assessment	30.0 Fall 13 Spr 14 Fall 14 Spr 15					
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Performance Measure	Description of Measurement Instrument	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement Made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends					
	Computer Science Degree Core Competencies (Demonstrate the necessary level of programming expertise to enable students to create business computer programs using procedural and object-oriented languages.):									
Demonstrate the necessary level of programming expertise to enable students to create business computer programs using procedural and object-oriented languages by	(Direct, Formative, Internal) Programs of increasing difficulty that include basic control structures, files, input/output, selection, repetition, and	The average score for all reported semesters exceeded the 70% benchmark.	As the benchmark of 70% on the Programming Projects has been exceeded in all semesters, no specific curricular action is warranted at this time.  Analysis	Continue monitoring ongoing progress each semester. Since the Computer Science courses were expanded to the Enid campus via ITV offerings, Computer Science faculty	Visual Basic Project Averages  90 85 80 75 70 Fall 11 Fall 12 Fall 13 Fall 14 Fall 15					
scoring an average of 70% or better on Programming Projects.	arrays are assigned each semester and graded by an internally developed rubric.		currently has not included results based on delivery mode.	included results based on	included results based on	have determined that assessment via delivery mode is necessary in order to determine whether student learning outcomes are	that assessment via delivery mode is necessary in order to determine whether student learning outcomes are consistent for	C++ Project Averages  90 85 80 75 70 Spr 09 Spr 11 Spr 13 Fall 14 Fall 15		
				both on site and ITV students. Analysis will begin fall 2015.	Java Project Averages  90 85 80 75					
					70 Spr 08 Spr 10 Spr 12 Spr 14 Spr 15					

Performance Measure	Description of Measurement Instrument	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement Made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends			
Overall Program Assessment:								
Peregrine Assessment scores will be at or above the national average with a target average score of 70% or better in the core business program areas for Northern Business Administration, International Business, MIS, Business Management and Computer Science students.	(Direct, Summative, External, Comparative) The Peregrine Assessment is an outbound exam providing a direct measure of academic learning since the students taking the outbound exams have completed or nearly completed the various degree programs. The areas tested are dependent on the degree selected by the student, but could consist of Accounting, Economics, Quantitative Analysis, Ethics or Management It's administered each semester to students in the Managerial Accounting course.	In the three semesters examined, students scored below the U.S. Average and in neither semester, did the students score 70% or better.	The scores for the exams are trending similarly to those of the ACBSP cohort, though slightly below except in Quantitative Analysis. Instructors evaluated the information on a discipline specific basis and correlated the information back to the results of the course assessments. The largest differential between NOC students and the ACBSP cohort was in the area of Business Ethics	The institution (general education) and program assessment plans are being redesigned to include a specific emphasis across all disciplines. For Business programs, 2016 will emphasize Business Ethics across all disciplines in the hopes to encourage instructors to focus on improvements in this area since it was the lowest scoring of the five areas. The emphasis will span two years and in the second year, Economic analysis will be an added emphasis. The hope is that a cross disciplinary approach will better link and enforce the desired the program competencies for a deeper understanding and retention.	NOC Scores vs. ACBSP Cohort  60.0 40.0 30.0 20.0 10.0 Accounting Business Economics Management Quantitative / Total Statistics  Spring 2014 Fall 2014 Spring 2015 ACBSP			

# **Standard #5 Faculty and Staff Focus**

Complete Table 5.1. Provide three or four examples, reporting what you consider to be the most important data. It is not necessary to provide results for every process.

Table 5.1 Standard 5 - Faculty- and Staff-Focused Results

Faculty and Staff Focused Results			Faculty and staff-focused results examine how well the organization creates and maintains a positive, productive, learning-centered work environment for business				
			faculty and staff.				
Performance Measure	Measurement Instrument and Length of Cycle	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends		
Faculty satisfaction will exceed 70% (or 3.5 on a 5.0 scale) on three questions: 1) the institution does a good job of meeting the needs of its faculty. 2) There is a spirit of teamwork and cooperation	Bi-annual administration of the Noel-Levitz Employee Satisfaction Survey for Higher Education.	Survey was administered in Spring 2014 for the first time and will be administered again in Spring 2016. The results for the three questions were 61%, 56% and 54% satisfaction respectively.	The results did not meet the 70% benchmark in any of the areas. The data does not reflect the opinions of only the business division and was unavailable disaggregated.	The institution has identified several areas related to employee satisfaction. An additional inhouse survey instrument was administered in spring 2015 and was reported on a divisional basis. This	Results of Noel-Levitz Satisfaction Survey  80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Question 1 Question 2 Question 3		
at this institution. 3) Employee suggestions are used to improve our institution.				instrument was determined to provide better data and will be utilized on an annual basis. Results regarding overall satisfaction of business faculty were positive and above the 70% benchmark.	Business Faculty Responses to Internal Satisfaction Survey  90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20%  NOC does a good job of providing an overall quality learning environment.  NOC provides the professional development needed for my environment.		

Performance Measure	Measurement Instrument and Length of Cycle	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends
100% of all full time faculty members of the Business Division will participate in professional development programs.	Faculty members are asked to complete an annual "Faculty Service Report" detailing Institutional Service, Professional Development, Community Service, and Other College Related Activities that they participated in during the academic year.	100% of Business Division faculty members completed the Faculty Service Report, which indicated a wide variety of institutional service, professional development, and community service activities. During the reported years of 2013-2015, 77.8%, 88.9% and 90.0% of full-time faculty participated in Professional Development activities	Results show a steady increase in faculty who participate in the Professional Development activities.	As a result of the emphasis on continuing professional development, the institution implemented a policy of awarding each faculty member \$900 for professional development. The funds can be used for coursework, attendance to conferences or local professional development opportunities.	Professional Development Program  95.0%  90.0%  85.0%  80.0%  75.0%  77.8%  70.0%  2013  2014  2015  3 % of FT Faculty Participating in Professional Development Program
Faculty turnover: Employee turnover can be a reflection of employee job satisfaction and commitment to the institution. The Business Division will achieve a low turnover in faculty, less than 15% annually, due to job dissatisfaction.	Annual review of employment status of faculty and staff.	respectively.  The Business Division did not exceed the 15% turnover rate in two of the three years examined. The full time turnover rates were 0%, while the adjunct turnover rate was 25%, 5.0% and 10.0% for the three respective years of 2013, 2014 and 2015.	Over the past 3 years, no turnover in full-time personnel has occurred in the Business Division and two new positions have been granted and filled. The turnover is attributed to adjunct faculty.	The turnover rate will continue to be monitored. We believe the turnover is more attributed to situational rather than satisfaction related issues with adjunct faculty (i.e. accepting full-time positions elsewhere). In 2014, the adjunct pay rate was adjusted up institutionally, which we feel has attributed to the improvement in the turnover rate.	Faculty Turnover  95%  85%  75%  2013  2014  2015  3 % of Faculty Continuing Employment

Table 5.2 Standard 5 - <u>NEW</u> FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS

NAME	COURSES TAUGHT	LIST ALL EARNED DEGREES	DOCUMENT AT LEAST TWO OTHER SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	ACBSP QUALIFICATION
Berlin, Kadie (Fall 2014 - Spr 2015)	ACCT 2103 Financial Accounting (6 Credit Hours) ACCT 2203 Managerial Accounting (6 Credit Hours); BSAD 1113 Digital & Financial Literacy (3 Credit Hours)	BA Accounting; MBA	NA	Masters qualified for introductory level courses
Colwell, Judy (Fall 2014)	ACCT 1203 Fundamentals of Accounting (3 Credit Hours) ACCT 2203 Managerial Accounting (3 Credit Hours)	MBA	CPA, State of Oklahoma	Masters qualified for introductory level courses
Dillsaver, Kathleen (Spring 2014)	ECON 2103 Macroeconomics (3 Credit Hours)	BS Business Administration - International Business	NA	Exception
Gann, Catherine (Spring 2015)	BMGT 2143 Principles of Marketing (3 Credit Hours)	BS Mass Communications M Ed - Adult Education / Management	5+ years Professional experience in Marketing	Exception
Howe, Zach (Spring 2014)	ACCT 1301 Personal Finance (1 Credit Hour)	BBA Masters of Education - Sports Management	NA	Exception
Rickman, Shane (Spring 2015)	ECON 2103 Macroeconomics (6 Credit Hours) ECON 2203 Microeconomics (3 Credit Hours	BS Economics MS Economics - In Process of Completing Thesis	3 years Professional Experience in Econ  18+ graduate hours in Econ: ECON 5010 (3) ADV MACRO ANALYSIS ECON 5013 CONTEMP ENVIRON POLICY ECON 5020 (3) ADV MICRO ANALYSIS ECON 5033 MACROECONOMIC ANALYSIS ECON 5110 (3) ADV TPCS IN ECON THEORY ECON 5113 MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS ECON 5120 (3) ADV ANALY II MICRO ECON 5120 (3) ADV ANALY II MICRO ECON 5123 MICROECONOMIC THEORY I ECON 5130 (3) DYNAMIC OPTIMIZ ECON 5223 MATHEMATICAL ECON I ECON 5300 (3) GAME THEORY ECON 5330 (3) APPLIED ECONOMICTRICS ECON 5410 (3) SEM: RES AND ENV ECON ECON 5633 INTERNATIONAL TRADE ECON 6133 MICROECONOMIC THEORY II AGEC 5503 ECON NAT & ENVIR POL	Professionally Qualified
Shamburg, Kathi (Fall 2013)	ACCT 1301 Personal Finance (1 Credit Hour)	BS Math	NA	Exception

### **Standard #6 Educational and Business Process Management**

#### a. Curriculum

1. List any existing accredited degree programs/curricula that have been **substantially revised** since your last report and attach an updated Table 6 Curriculum Summary from Criterion 6.2 Professional Component, Criterion 6.3 General Education Component, and Criterion 6.4 Business Major Component.

As of Spring 2015, no substantial revisions have been made to existing programs.

2. List any **new** degree programs that have been developed since your last report and attach a Table 6 Curriculum Summary from Criterion 6.2 Professional Component, Criterion 6.3 General Education Component, and Criterion 6.4 Business Major Component.

As of Spring 2015, no new degree programs have been developed since the last report.

3. List any accredited programs that have been terminated since your last report.

As of Spring 2015, five accredited programs have been suspended since the last report.

Office Management

Office Management – Medical Assistant Option

Information Technology – Network Engineering Option

Information Technology – Web Development Option

Information Technology – Interactive Media Option

Due to changes in how the Higher Learning Commission interprets the Oklahoma system of cooperative programs between Community Colleges and Technology Centers, several degree programs have been suspended. In short, technical coursework was previously completed at are technology centers and general education coursework was completed at the partner community college, NOC being one. It was ruled that this system could not continue in its present form unless the technology centers became sites of the partner community college, an expansive and costly contract was created, or the technical coursework was shifted to being provided at the community colleges. The technology centers wished to maintain their autonomy, as a result the following programs were suspended as resources did not allow for hiring additional faculty to provide the technical coursework. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education is actively pursuing a solution to this issue and if a resolution is found, the programs could be reinstated.

Complete table 6.1. Provide three or four examples, reporting what you consider to be the most important data. It is not necessary to provide results for every process.

**Table 6.1 Standard 6 - Organizational Performance Results** 

Organizational Effectiveness	Org
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Organizational effectiveness results examine attainment of organizational goals. Each business unit must have a systematic reporting mechanism for each business program that charts enrollment patterns, student retention, student academic success, and other characteristics reflecting students' performance.

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Performance Measure	Measurement Instrument and Length of Cycle	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends
The Business Division budget will be proportional to the institution budget based on credit hours generation percentages.	The measurement will be a comparison between the percentages of institutional credit hours generated by the Business Division compared to the percentage of institutional budget the Business Division is allocated on an annual basis.	For the past five academic years, the Business Division has generated an average of 11.6% of the institutional credit hours and received an average of 7.6% of the instructional budget over the same 5 year period.	A steady increase in the percentage of the overall instructional budget allocated to the Business Division has occurred. The Business Chair works in conjunction with the NOC Administration to leverage and fight for resources successfully. Of note, due to an increased demand for Accounting courses on the Stillwater campus, a new full-time position was approved in fall 2014 and successfully filled by January 2015.	The amount of funds will continue to be monitored closely. The current budget appears to be sufficient to achieve departmental goals. However, the Business Division will continue to lobby for additional resources and seek out grant funding in order to expand programs and improve effectiveness.	## Sudget Comparisons  ## Sudget Comparisons

Performance Measure	Measurement Instrument and Length of Cycle	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends
The business division will grow at a rate equal to or better than the institution's overall growth rate.	The measurement instrument is number of credit hours generated by the Business Division and institutionally on an annual basis.	Credit hours generated by the business division and the institution have decreased overall since fall 2012 by an average of 4.72%. The Business Division trends have mirrored and slightly outperformed institutional changes which show a 5.55% average decrease in credit hour generation in the same period.	Though the Business division credit hour generation has declined in recent years, it has declined at a slower rate than overall institutional credit hour generation. Therefore, the Business Division has increased in the percentage of the Total NOC credit hours generated, indicating that strong demand for NOC Business courses exists as compared with other disciplines. It is believed that the decline in credit hour generation is caused by economic factors and a decline in enrollment state-wide.	The credit hours generated will continue to be monitored closely and new modes of delivery examined in order to continue to increase the divisional offerings. As a result of the growth in credit hours in Stillwater, the Business Division was approved a new full-time accounting position on that campus. Further requests will be made as future growth dictates.	Percent of Total NOC Credit Hours Generated by the Business Unit  14.00% 12.00% 10.00% 8.00% 4.00% 2.00% 2.00% 100,000 80,000 60,000 40,000 20,000 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15

Performance Measure	Measurement Instrument and Length of Cycle	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends
Student Adviser	nent:				
The desirable outcome is that the percentage of NOC students declaring an area of business as their major will be proportional to the percentage of NOC graduates receiving a business degree.	The number of majors as a percent of overall institutional majors (including "undecided") compared to the number of graduates with business degrees as a percent of total NOC graduates examined on an annual basis.	The percent of NOC graduates receiving degrees in Business (17.9%, 19.2%, 17.3%, 20.4% and 17.5%) exceeded the percent of NOC majors declaring business as the major (10.7%, 10.8%, 12.1%, 11.3%, and 11.9%) in Academic Years 2010 thru 2014. Steady increases have been made in the percentage of business majors relative to all majors throughout the 5-year period.	Advisement to encourage students to declare the major earlier in their college career has continued to improve steadily since 2010.	We will continue to monitor and analyze the advisement process for possible improvement strategies. More effort has been made to make advisee load more equitable in order increase advisor / advisee contact and to identify business students earlier and encourage them to declare a major rather than be listed as the default of Arts & Sciences. Further, the Registrar has developed reverse articulation agreements with three 4-year schools in Oklahoma in order to facilitate an increase in degree completion. Expansion to all Oklahoma colleges and universities is planned.	% of Business Majors v. % of Graduates with Business Degrees  25.0%  © Business Majors as % of Total Number of NOC Majors  Business Degree Graduates as % of NOC Total Graduates  10.0%  10.0%  10.0%  10.0%  2010-11  2011-12  2012-13  2013-14  2014-15

Performance Measure	Measurement Instrument and Length of Cycle	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends
The pass and drop rates of students taking online business courses will be proportional to the percentage of all NOC students taking online courses.	Measured utilizing the online pass and drop rates each semester for both the business courses and the institution as a whole.	Online courses have lower Pass Rates and higher Drop Rates than traditional courses overall. Business results mirror the institutional results.	The online courses are not performing as well as the traditional courses for either the business division or the institution as a whole, though the rates have remained fairly consistent. The institution identified that an online readiness quiz would be beneficial for students who are considering enrollment in an online course.	An online course coordinator was hired in Spring 2015 and more directed online course instructor training added in Fall 2015. A formal online course evaluation system has been developed and will be implemented in Spring 2016. Rates will be evaluated each semester to determine what further changes and training need to occur.	Pass and Drop Rates of Online vs. Traditional Courses  80%

Performance Measure	Measurement Instrument and Length of Cycle	Current Results	Analysis of Results	Action Taken or Improvement made	Insert Graphs or Tables of Resulting Trends
Insure 100 % smooth transfer of courses between NOC and four-year institutions within the state.	Transfer Matrix realignment meetings are held annually for 2 and 4-year institutions within the State of Oklahoma. Meetings are held for each academic area, i.e. accounting, finance, economics, business communications, statistics, mathematics, etc. The purpose of the meetings is to come to agreement concerning the transfer of specific courses. The results of each meeting is then published on the Oklahoma State Regents website and become part of a state-wide articulation agreement.	The Business Unit has very good transfer of coursework to 4- year / graduate institutions within the state of Oklahoma. Course-for- course transfer is now approved by nearly all state institutions for students who complete the business core courses at Northern: Financial and Managerial Accounting, Macroeconomics Microeconomics, Computer Concepts and Business Technologies and Applications.	Northern Oklahoma College will continue to participate in the Transfer Matrix meetings. Additionally, we will continue to monitor and communicate with the major 4- year recipients of our graduates to insure their smooth transfer of coursework.	Results analyzed on a yearly basis at the Transfer matrix realignment meeting for each academic area. We will continue monitoring ongoing progress with students and the transfer institutions to see if adjustments are necessary to the curriculum. Currently, an initiative to create a common course numbering, course description and course objective system is being initiated. The general education courses will be created first and then the program courses will be aligned.	