MEMO Subject line: Weighing the Baby – Strategic Plan Assessment

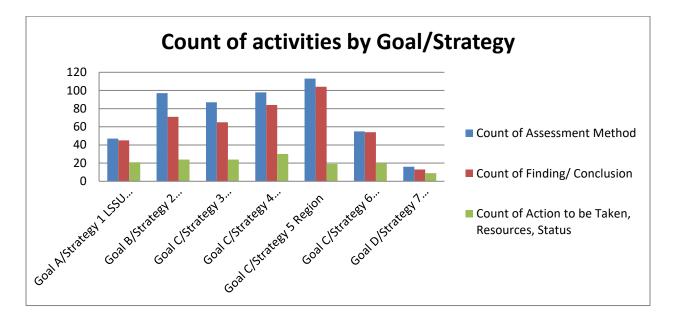
"You don't get a baby to grow by weighing it"

The University Strategic Plan represents our shared mission-based vision for key activities which will strengthen the university and improve student learning. Just as periodic weighting of a baby at the clinic visit helps inform the doctor and parents on the baby's health, assessing our progress toward those strategic activities, and using that information to inform our decisions, will improve the institution's health.

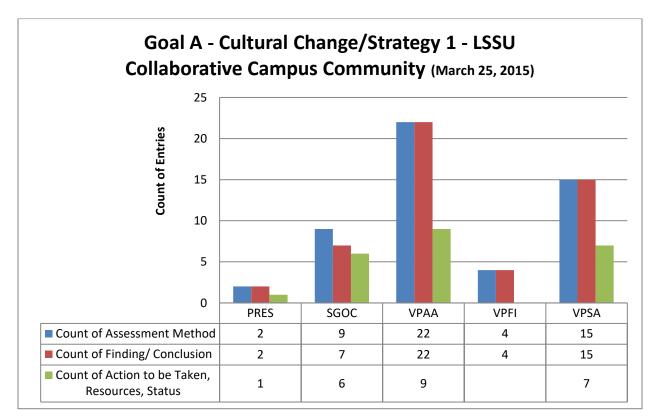
The following chart summarizes **the number of administrative units** which have documented, through assessment activities recorded in Tracdat, their contribution to the four goals/seven strategies of the University Strategic Plan. For example, approximately one-third (34.0%) of the 50 administrative units have reported on their progress in supporting Strategy 1 through activities in their area. All departments and programs should review their activities with respect to the strategic plan and document those activities where appropriate.

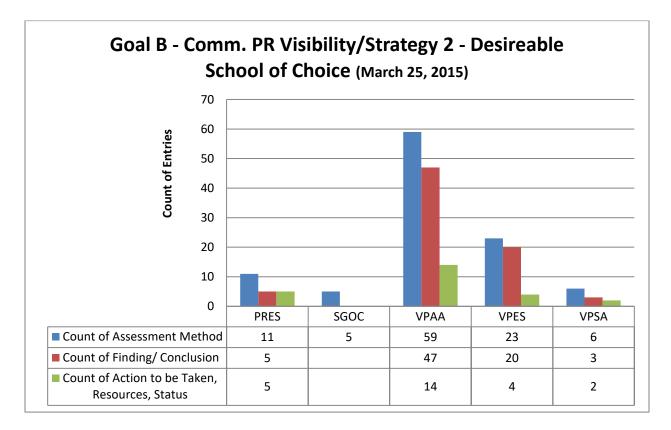


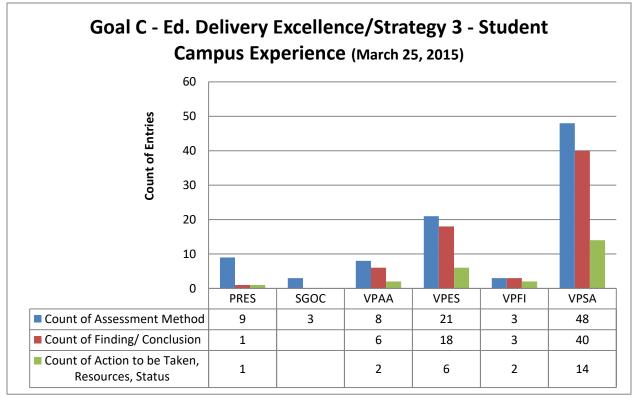
The next figure presents **the number of documented entries** by assessment type (method, finding and action) for each of the university Goals/Strategies. This chart suggests that not all of the goals/strategies has received equal attention by departments and programs.

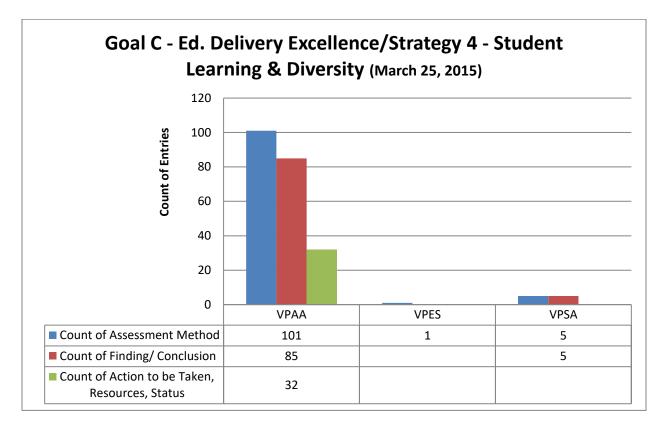


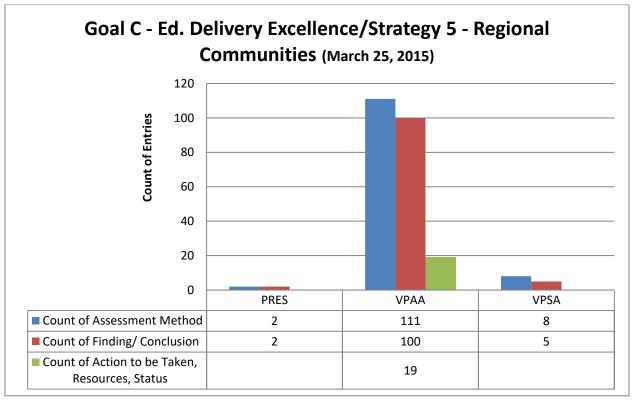
While the university has made progress in some areas, there has not been consistent engagement in the documentation of activity related to the strategic plan implementation. The following charts tabulate the number of entries for each Strategy **by each Cabinet Office** group. For each chart there may be up to six units indicated (those without data are omitted from the chart. The blue column counts the number of assessment methods defined for the specific strategy by units within the Cabinet Office group. Red indicates the count of findings documented, and green the count of actions based on those findings. There is no specific target set by group, however the charts give some perspective on the degree to which the entire campus community is engaged in assessment of the Goals/Strategies.

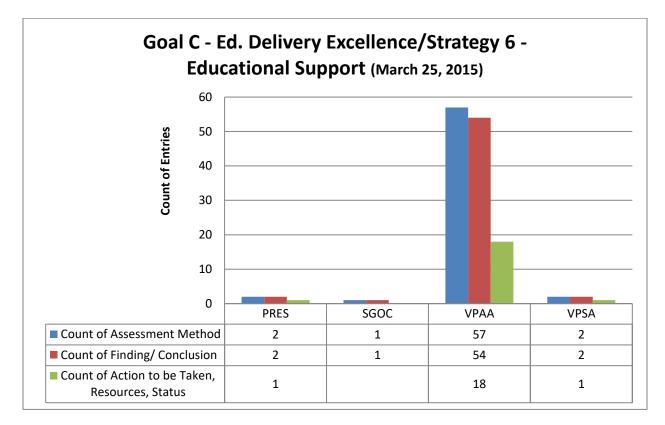


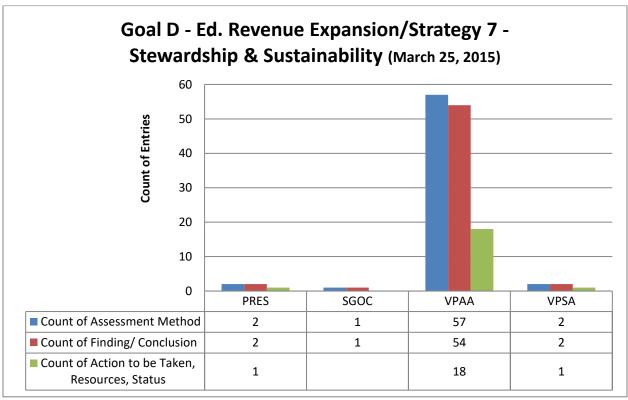




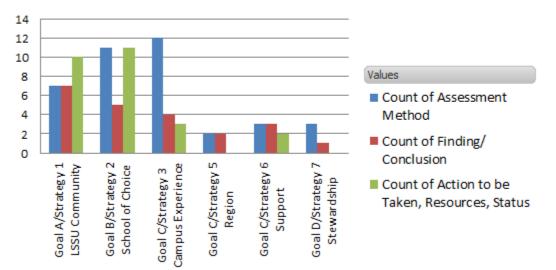






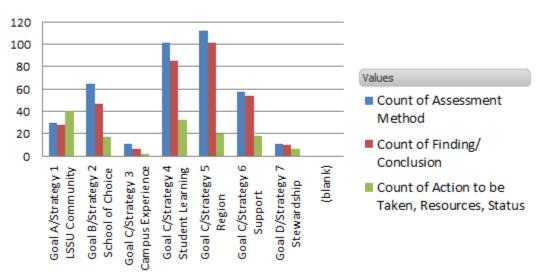


Finally, the series of charts below present the activity documented **by each Cabinet office** for each of the Goals/Strategies. Each Cabinet Office could have up to seven (7) sets of bars, one for each of the seven strategies.



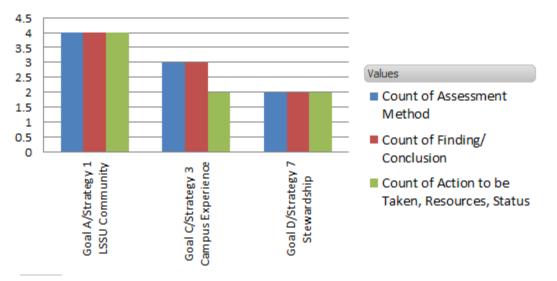
Activity by Goal/Strategy by Cabinet Office: President

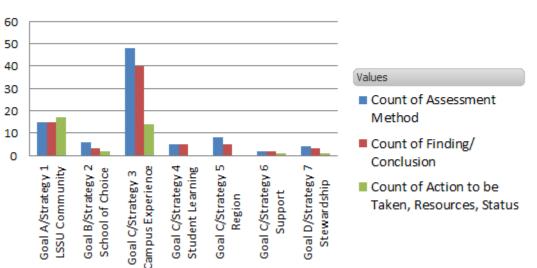
Activity by Goal/Strategy by Cabinet Office: Provost & VPAA



Activity by Goal/Strategy by Cabinet **Office: VP Enrollment Services** 25 20 15 Values Count of Assessment 10 Method 5 Count of Finding/ 0 Conclusion Goal B/Strategy 2 Goal C/Strategy 4 Student Learning School of Choice Campus Experience Goal C/Strategy 3 Count of Action to be Taken, Resources, Status

Activity by Goal/Strategy by Cabinet Office: VPFinance





Activity by Goal/Strategy by Cabinet Office: VP Student Affairs

Within Tracdat the university goals/strategies are aligned with each of the cabinet-level vicepresidents, allowing, for example, a report on Strategy 3 for all the units under the VP Finance. Reports at this level were compiled in October 2013, and again in March 2015. These reports are posted to the University's assessment website (http://www.lssu.edu/assessment/strategic_plan_matrix.php).

The most recent comprehensive review of progress toward the strategic plan was conducted in the Fall 2013 when the Board of Trustees reviewed the 2012-2013 Strategic Plan Summary Report <u>http://www.lssu.edu/assessment/documents/StrategicSummaries_2012-2013.pdf</u> which was a self-assessment of our progress in addressing the Critical Components of the Strategic Plan.