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Assessment Benchmarking: Understanding and Using Assessment Results

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I. Statement of panel topic and target audience

Panel Topic: Assessment Benchmarking: Understanding and Using Assessment Results

Target audience: Anyone involved in information systems program assessment process at their institutions, either as a faculty member or as the lead person responsible for the assessment process.

II. Statement of Panel Objectives:

Both AACSB and ABET stress the importance of a documented process for collecting relevant data to assess program educational objectives and program outcomes, and for evaluating the extent to which they are met. In many cases, evaluation is in comparison to standards that are set by that institution or program.

The purpose of this panel is to share some methodologies and tools for assessing student learning in information systems programs that permit comparisons across multiple institutions. Panel members will discuss standards and benchmarks they have used in addition to their local standards- including standardized exams, national competitions, and certifications - and how these tools can be used to measure student learning. Audience members will be encouraged to share methodologies and standards that they have used.

III. Statement of Panel Format:

Assuming a 90-minute session, each panelist will have 10 minutes to present, with the remainder of the time being reserved for discussion and Q&A. It is anticipated that this session will be very interactive throughout.

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