Program Assessment Committee

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Purpose Statement

The Program-Assessment Committee (PAC) at Arkansas State University is charged with the primary responsibility of planning, advising, and directing program-level assessment. The purpose of the PAC is as follows:

- Review submitted assessment plans and reports and recommend revisions as appropriate
- Verify that assessment results have been used for programmatic improvements (close the loop)
- Facilitate the Assessment Grant
- Facilitate Learn@Astate
- Discuss assessment processes and make recommendations that would improve student learning assessment
- Communicate with AAC, Office of Assessment, and Academic Affairs on all matters related to program-level assessment

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Members

2023-2024

- Jerica Rich
- Jason Stewart
- Melodie Philhours
- Jessica Curtis
- Minghui Gao
- Marika Kyriakos
- Ruth Owens
- Dinnah Tetteh
- David Harding
- Stacy Walz
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- Martin Huss
- Nikesha Nesbitt
- Montserrat Juarez Aubry

- Andre Possani Espinoza
- Kevin Hennings
- Mary Elizabeth Spence
- Melanie Wicniski

Meeting Minutes

Past meeting minutes can be found in the **A-State Research and Creativity Hub (ARCH)** managed by the Dean B. Ellis Library

They can be found in the **University and Administration Collection**.

For past meeting dates, contact the **Office of Accreditation and Assessment.**

Learn@State

Learn@State is a collaborative campus-wide initiative that brings together faculty, staff, and students to explore innovative ideas that support the university's mission and strategic priorities. The event provides an opportunity for participants to share new concepts, discuss emerging challenges, and develop practical solutions that can positively impact the institution.

Facilitated through the Program-Level Assessment Committee, Learn@State encourages collaboration across disciplines and departments while promoting creative approaches to issues affecting higher education.

2026 Learn@State Pitch Competition

This year's Learn@State event will be held as a pitch competition focused on innovative projects and initiatives that support:

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Research

Teams of two to six participants will have five minutes to present a proposed project or initiative, including a brief overview of the concept and its anticipated impact on the university.

Selected proposals will compete for funding of up to **$5,000** to support implementation during the academic year. Judging will be coordinated by the Office of Research and Technology Transfer.

Winning team(s) will be invited to return to the following year's Learn@State event to share project outcomes, findings, and progress.

Event Information
Date: October 7, 2026 **Location:** Judd Hill Farmers' Market **Audience:** Faculty, Staff, and Students Light refreshments will be provided. Members of the campus community are encouraged to attend and observe the competition, even if they are not participating as presenters.

Registration

Faculty and staff interested in participating in the pitch competition should complete the Learn@State registration form:

Registration Link:

https://astate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_85HUI4TX1Y7btZk

Participants do not need to have a fully developed proposal at the time of registration. The registration form is intended to collect a preliminary project idea or abstract and does not restrict a team's ability to refine or revise their concept before the competition.

Registration opens in August and remains open through September.

> **Note:** Submission of the registration form does not require a completed project plan. Participants are encouraged to register even if their idea is still in development.

Event Flyer


GRANT COMPETITION
@JUDD HILL FARMER'S MARKET
FOOD, FUN, & FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE
7 OCTOBER
2-4 PM
@JUDD HILL FARMER'S MARKET
TEAMS OF 2-6 PEOPLE
THE EVENT
BRING A TEAM
MEET WITH EXPERTS
PITCH YOUR IDEA
AWARDS!
REGISTER TODAY! CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION & ASSESSMENT
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Questions?

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Related Resources

- Office of Accreditation & Assessment
- Office of Research and Technology Transfer