

Department of Economics & Finance

Annual Action Plan

Annual Assessment Report

June 2005 – May 2006



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Division: Academic Affairs **Unit Head:** Alberto Davila

Unit Mission: The Department of Economics and Finance’s mission, in accordance with the mission of the College of Business Administration, will offer students the high quality of education they need to succeed in a continuously changing business environment. The faculty will strive for academic excellence in teaching and in its research endeavors. The faculty will also serve as a professional resource to communities in the region.

Unit Goal: Provide quality economic and finance courses that cultivate active learning, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary perspectives.

Link to UTPA Goal(s):
 1. Ensure undergraduate student access and success
 2. Enhance graduate education and research

Unit Objective (Action Priority: #1 is highest)	Link to UTPA Objective	Expected Outcome for Unit Objective (AA-Measurable Objective)	Strategy(ies) to Achieve Expected Outcomes	Assessment Criteria, Evaluation Methods for Expected Outcome	New Resources Needed in FY06
Student learning outcomes assessment. (1)	2, 4	The department will implement a 2005-2006 student learning improvement plan, based on the 2004-2005 student learning outcomes assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a student learning improvement plan (SLIP) Integrate the results achieved from implementing the SLIP in the 2005-06 annual assessment 	The department will address the effectiveness of their student learning improvement plan in the 2005-2006 Annual Assessment Report due in May 2006.	None

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Unit Goal: Provide an effective student recruitment, development, retention, and placement program designed to promote and serve a diverse student population.

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Time-to-graduation. (2)	2, 4	In fall 2005, the department (contingent on data from the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (OIRE)) will conduct an assessment of time-to-graduation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive instructions from Dean/Provost for assessing time-to-graduation. Conduct the assessment. 	In January 2006, submit to the Dean/Provost a report detailing the time-to-graduation baseline for this program.	None
Student success. (3)	2, 4	The department will review the official list of factors (provided by the Provost) that contribute to student success and prepare an integrated plan for measuring student success in its programs beginning in September 2006.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive guidelines for the integrated plan. Work with other departments/programs on integrated college plan for measuring student success. 	Submit to the Dean/Provost the integrated college plan for measuring student success.	None

Unit Goal:	Facilitate excellence in scholarship, research, and/or creative activities for the enhancement of knowledge that can be shared with the public through presentation, publication, or performance.
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Research productivity. (4)	2, 5	Using data for AY 2004-2005, the department will establish a baseline for the level of scholarly productivity.	Submit to Dean/Provost 2004-05 data for the department for review and preparation of master research productivity spreadsheet.	In January 2006, submit to the Dean a report detailing the establishment of a scholarly productivity baseline for the department.	None



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