Educational Outcomes Assessment: 2018-2019
Executive Summary

The Educational Outcomes Assessment was conducted by the Academic Affairs department, with the assistance of other components of IWP. It is presented annually to the Assessment Committee for its review, suggestions, and guidance. The Committee's recommendations are then forwarded to the Academic Council and (where appropriate) the Executive Vice President for review and approval.

There were several positive developments which occurred during the time span of this report (Fall 2018 until Summer 2019):

- There are no indications of grade inflation.
- The number of incomplete and failing grades has declined.
- We continue to have great success in placing our graduates in relevant positions.
- Our network of partner schools and institutions continues to expand.
- The pending approval of our Reston campus should help us increase our enrollment in the upcoming year.
- Our extracurricular programs continue to attract attention and provide a high-quality supplement to the education our student receive in the classroom.

At the same time, however, this report identifies a number of concerns which need to be addressed in the coming year. These concerns include:

- The current format for the comprehensive exams requires updating.
- There has been a slight increase in the number of withdrawals and a decrease in our overall retention rate, largely due to work-related demands on our students.
- There is evidence to suggest that our students require additional support to improve their written communication skills.