


Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate
Seton Hall University

From: Karen E. Boroff, Ph.D. 
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President

Re: Report of the IT Committee regarding NSSE
(2019-FS-19)

Date: August 12, 2019

The Office of the Provost is in receipt of the recommendations of the Instructional Technology Committee regarding NSSE. This was communicated to the Office of the Provost on June 10, 2019.

We have participated in NSSE for several years. Due to the quality of the information obtained, the inability to engage in both meaningful internal and external comparisons, and to investigate the results in more than a basic way, I have decided that I would like to take a different direction. Incidentally the universities that do participate are not uniformly highly ranked. So, even if the instrument asked questions that offered actionable insights, the comparison pool is weak.

In the fall, I will be looking at developing an in - house instrument that will allow us to look internally at student behaviors and attitudes in order to gain more insights into how our students view advising, services, and other aspects of SHU student life. I want to have an instrument that allows for meaningful assessment, and data that help drive continuous improvement. I will be looking to the faculty for their input and support.