One Size Fits All?

Alignment Strategies for
Assessments and Accreditation

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What word would you use to describe you work?

What celebrations, achievements, or progress have you made in the past year?

Assessment and Accreditation at SRSU

All new!

- AVP was QEP Coordinator moving into IE November 2022
- Director was Coordinator moving into IE in November 2022
- Coordinator was Executive Assistant for Student Affairs moving into IE in July 2023
- New Provost and President

So much to learn!

- Little over one year to write the SACSCOC 5th Year Report
- Different requirements and activities with multiple deadlines and organizing timelines (THECB, SACSCOC, university, system, more)
- Slow start to assessing the current Strategic Plan
- Level change for doctoral degrees
- Assessment refresh and software changes
- Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual
- University committees and teams
- + more

What has taken you time to understand?

1-Minute Paper

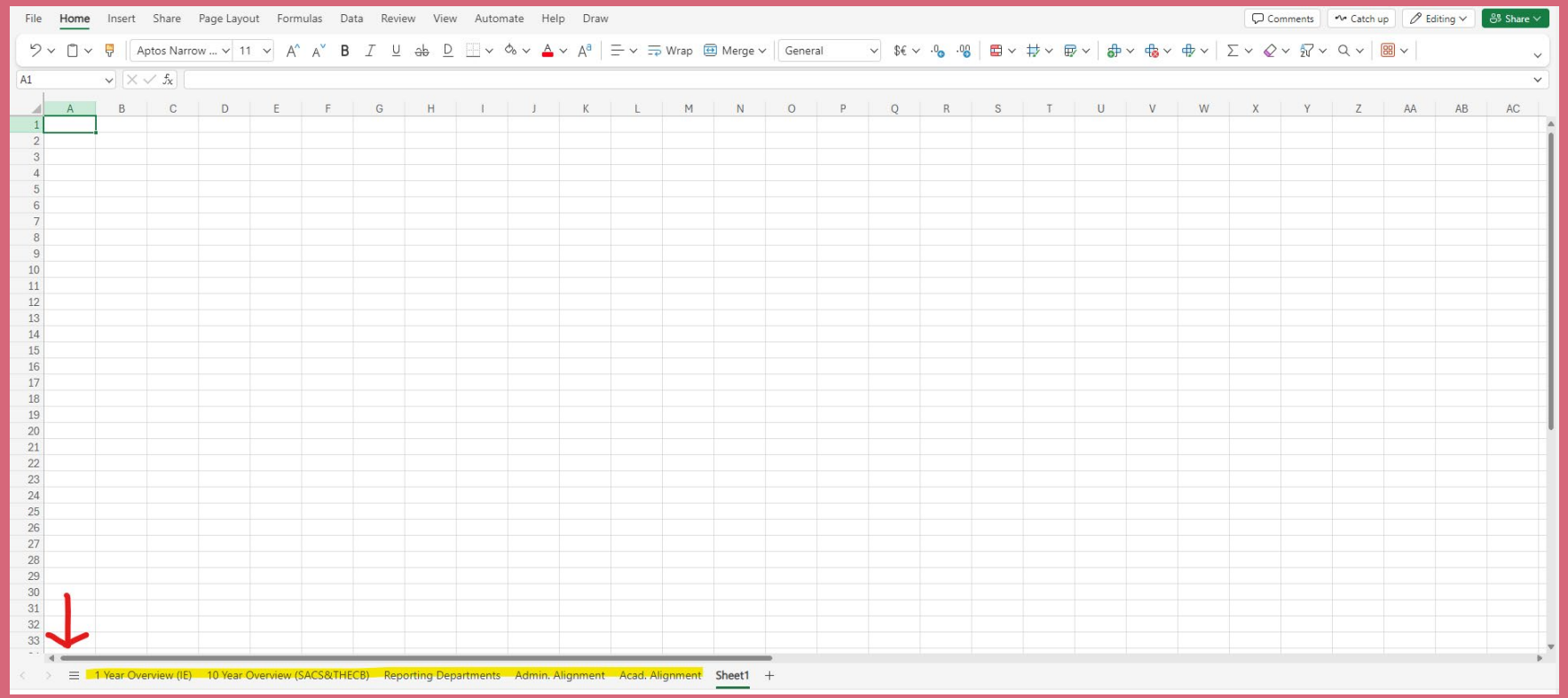
- What was the hardest thing for you to understand, organize, or prepare for within your first six months in assessment/accreditation? **OR**
- What project are you currently trying to work through?

Our Alignment Strategy

Step One:

Organizing Timelines and Deadlines

Alignment Using Excel



All created in Excel and housed on SharePoint

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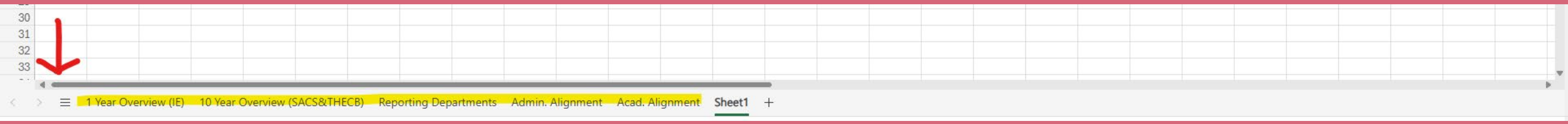


A look at all the sheets we will be showing you today.

One Year Overview

Created to quickly examine yearly reoccurring projects, tasks, and deadlines.

Ten Year Overview

Created to plan ahead for projects like Strategic Plan, QEP, Accreditation, Reaffirmation, Academic Program Reviews, and more that don't occur often but on a regular schedule

SACSCOC Standards

IE - SACS/THECB 10 Year Overview									
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
2XX9	**2XX0**	**2XX1**	**2XX2**	**2XX3**	2XX4	2XX5	2XX6	2XX7	2XX8
SACS Standards									
	10.2	9.1	6.2.c	5.4	**1.1**	4.1	3.1.a		
	10.3	9.2	8.2.a	6.1	**2.1**	4.2.a	3.1.b		
	10.6	12.4	10.5	6.2.b	**4.3**	4.2.b	3.1.c		
	10.9	13.8	10.7	8.1	**5.1**	4.2.c	5.2.a		
	12.1	14.1	14.3	13.6	*5.2.b*	4.2.d	5.3		
		14.4		13.7	7.3	4.2.e	5.5		
					9.4	4.2.f	8.2		
					9.5	4.2.g	8.2.b		
					9.6	5.2.c	8.2.c		
					9.7	**6.2.a**	9.3		
					10.1	6.3	12.2		
					10.4	6.4	13.1		
					11.1	6.5	13.2		
					11.2	7.1	13.3		
					11.3	7.2	13.4		
					12.3	**10.8**	13.5		
						12.5	14.2		
						12.6	14.5		

Key for current year
Bold: Updated
Italics: Progress
Normal: Untouched
Reference to old standards

Within the ten-year overview, we divide the SACSCOC standards throughout the years according to the 5th-year Interim Report and Reaffirmation Accreditation to be manageable for IE.

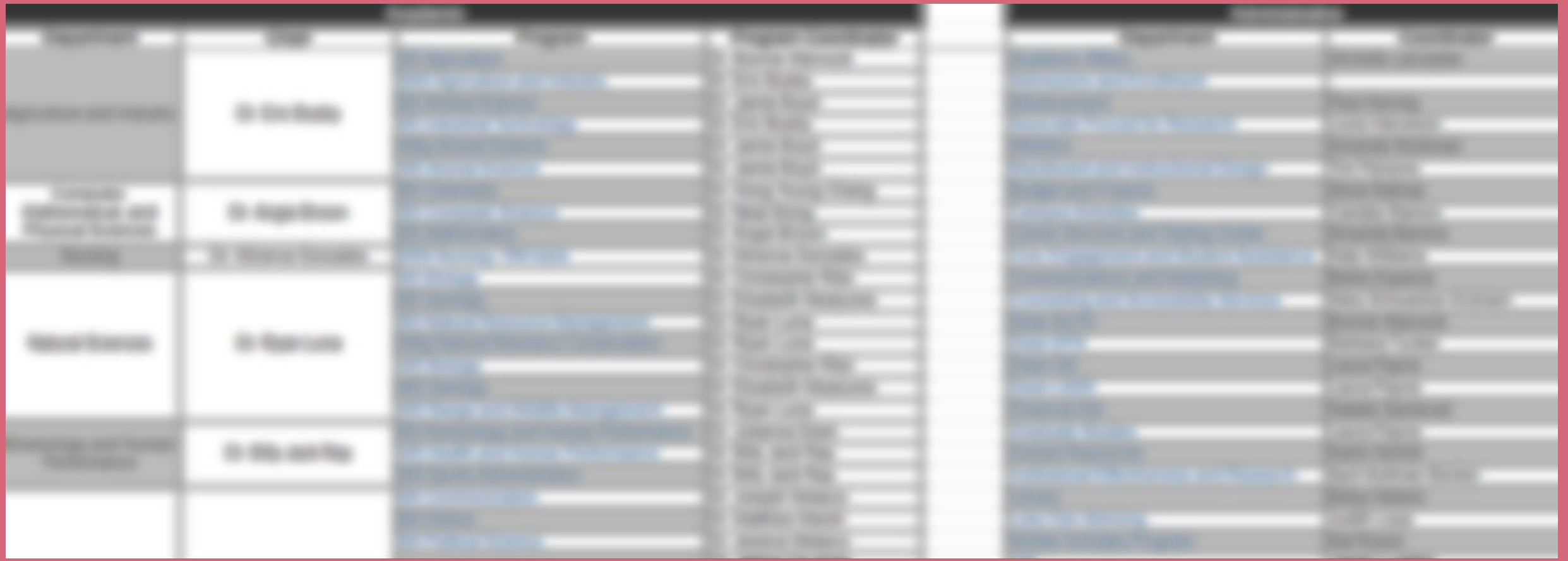
*This is not a required way to divide the standard aside from what is needed for the 5th year vs reaffirmation.

Our Alignment Strategy

Step Two:

Organize Assessments

Reporting Departments



Academic Alignment

- Tracking THECB Core Courses and if they are offered
- Tracking APR requirements for this program

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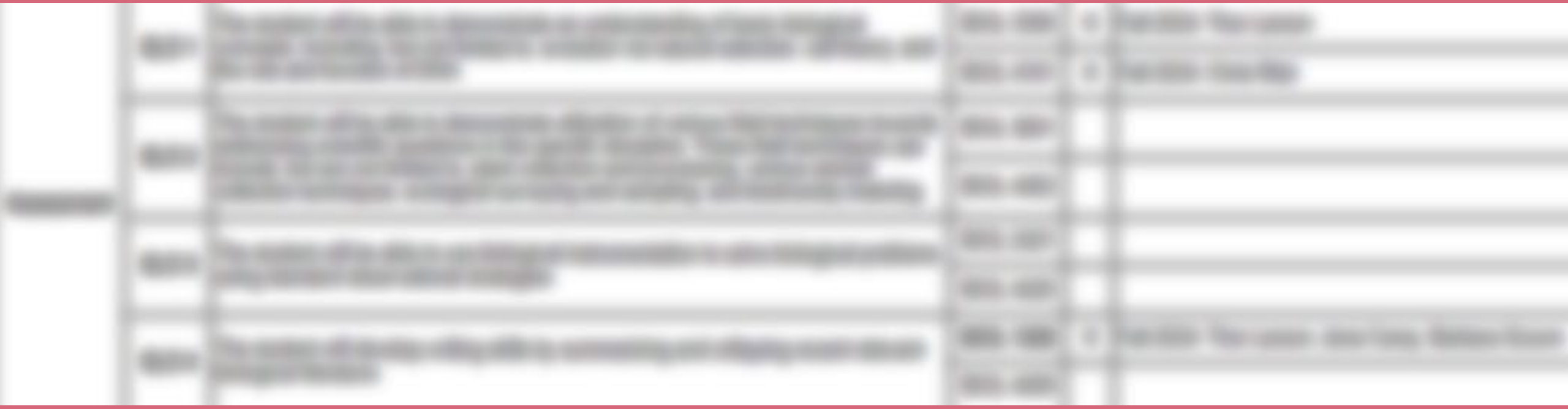
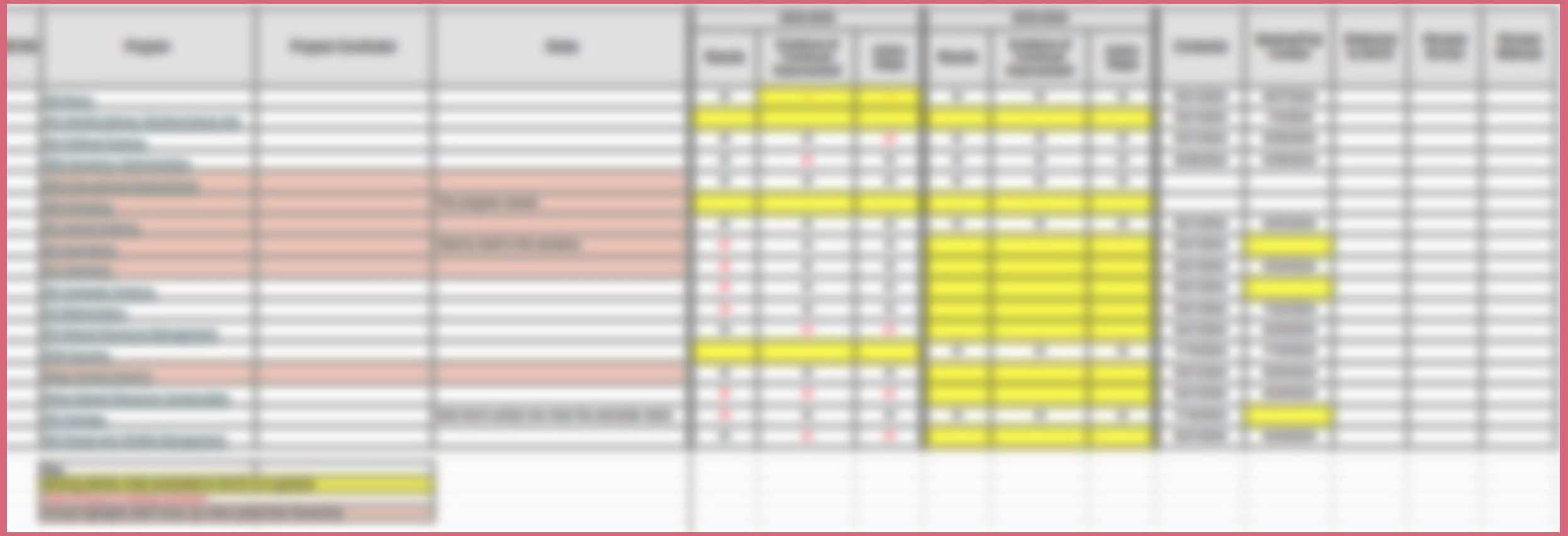
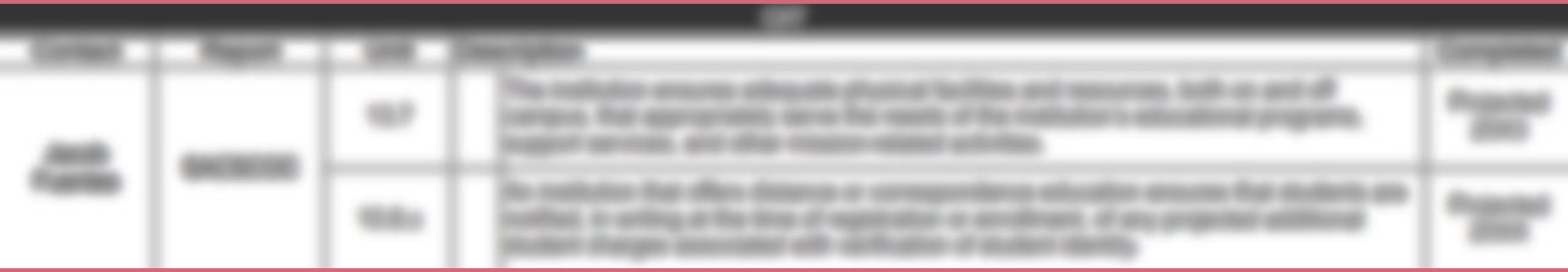


- Tracking courses offered in alignment with assessment plans
- An attempt to solve the issue of curriculum mapping and lack of preparation in assessment methods for each SLO

SACSCOC Recommendation for 8.2.a



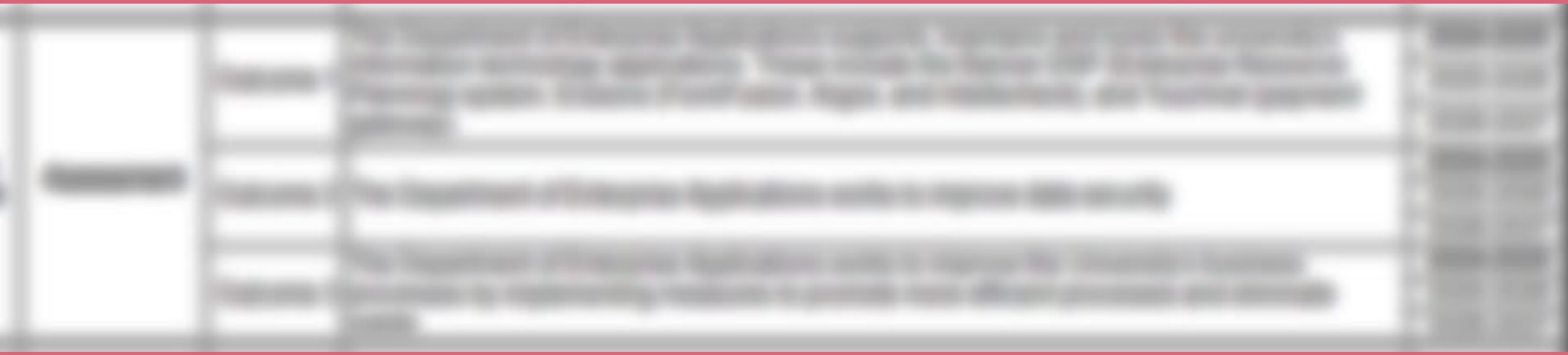
SACSCOC Standard Tracking by Division



- Easily see SACSCOC Standards assigned to specific departments
- Links back to the 10-Year Overview

Strategic Plan Tracking by Division

Administrative Assessment Plan Tracking



- Preview of assessment plan at the outcome level by department
- Indication of completed report for quick preview

What's Your Alignment Strategy?

- What project would you add to your alignment strategy?
- How can you integrate the alignment strategy with your assessment practices?
- How can you integrate the alignment strategy with your accreditation practices?

Thank you!

All Resources

https://srinfo.sulross.edu/ie/alignment-strategy-presentation/

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