



**Middle Georgia
State University**

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Middle Georgia State University Administrative Assessment

Instructions. This form is used to collect administrative assessments for each budgeted unit at Middle Georgia State University (academic and nonacademic units). Departments should include a brief mission statement (describing what they do and who they serve), goals the department or unit is working to accomplish (in a 5 year time frame. Your goals and objectives should be reported out individuals, linked to the plan imperatives and strategies, align with the measurable objectives from the previous year , and defined and measurable objectives for the upcoming year. This form should be completed by each budgeted unit no later than the end of July. NOTE: All fields are required, please place NA or O in response field ONLY if the numbered objective is not being utilized, otherwise full responses are required. Provide ALL necessary information requested to the fullest extent possible, such that a peer reviewer is not required to assume any information not provided. Utilize the provided assessment scoring rubric drafting guideline to evaluate your report prior to submission. https://www.mga.edu/institutional-research/docs/IEB_Administrative_Score_Card.pdf

****Please SUBMIT the form within 30 minutes of opening this page. If you wait too long to submit you may lose your work**** In the event that you need to edit your submission, you may contact the Faculty Affairs Manager to secure a custom link to edit and resubmit.

Q1. Submitters Email

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Q2. Who is the person responsible for this report?

Keith Howell

Q3. For which year are you completing this report?

- ☐ FY 23 (July 2022-June 2023)
- ☐ FY 24 (July 2023-June 2024)
- ☒ FY 25 (July 2024-June 2025)

Q4. To which division of the University is your unit assigned?

- ☐ Office of the President
- ☐ Advancement
- ☐ Academic Affairs
- ☒ Fiscal Affairs
- ☐ Enrollment Management
- ☐ Student Affairs

Q5. For which department or area are you reporting? (Ex. Financial Aid, Library, OTR, Athletics, etc)

Enterprise Systems Management

Q6. The mission and goals of the department should be consistent over a 5 year period, although some institutional changes may necessitate and prompt a change in mission or goals for specific departments. In this section, report the mission statement for your department.

To provide highly available, enterprise-wide services & support for the academic and administrative communities of MGA.

Q7. What are the goals for this department? These should be the "big things" the department/area intends to accomplish within 5 years.

To provide reliable, scalable, secure, highly available information systems for the University.

0. Each year, every department should identify objectives the department hopes to accomplish in the next year. These should align with departmental goals and the MGA strategic plan. In the next section you will be reporting on the objectives you set and whether or not you achieved them in FY25. Later in the document you will report on objectives you hope to accomplish in the coming fiscal year, FY26.

8. Objective 1: What was this department's first objective for this fiscal year? Objectives should be specific, measurable, and achievable within one year.

1) ESM will upgrade 80% of its remaining 2016 servers to Windows 2019 or higher, and 25% of our total amount of Windows servers to Windows 2022

9. Objective 1: Detail specifically how your department measured this objective? (Survey, budget number, number of participants, jobs completed, measurable time and/or effort, etc)

Survey and documentation provided metrics of % complete.

10. Objective 1: What was your target outcome for this objective? (1.e. 80% participation, 5% enrollment growth, 7% change in engagement)

80% of targeted 2016 server systems would be upgraded to newer operating systems

11. Objective 1: Provide details for your target performance level established (i.e. accreditation requirement, past performance data, peer program review, etc)

This is done in accordance with the best standard practices of Microsoft End of Life dates suggested for operating systems.

12. Objective 1: At what level did the department/area achieve on this objective? (This should be a number, i.e. 82%, 6%, 345 attendees, 75% engagement)

80% threshold was achieved

13. Objective 1: Did your department meet this objective?

- ☐ The department did not meet this objective.
- ☒ The department met this objective.
- ☐ The department exceeded this objective.

14. Objective 1: Improvement Plans and Evidence of changes based on an analysis of the results: What did your department learn from working toward this objective? What changes will you make based on this effort next year?

We were able to mitigate issues that were encountered in the previous FY and apply that knowledge to help better streamline and reduce the probability of upgrade issues in this FY.

15. Objective 2: What was this department's second objective for this fiscal year? Objectives should be specific, measurable, and achievable within one year.

ESM will improve the page load times of the 10-20 slowest pages by 10% on the MGA website.

16. Objective 2: Detail specifically how your department measured this objective? (Survey, budget number, number of participants, jobs completed, measurable time and/or effort, etc)

Metrics were obtained through logs and software metrics

17. Objective 2: What was your target outcome for this objective? (1.e. 80% participation, 5% enrollment growth, 7% change in engagement)

Increase web page efficiency

18. Objective 2: Provide details for your target performance level established (i.e. accreditation requirement, past performance data, peer program review, etc)

Web page ease of use and efficiency increased

19. Objective 2: At what level did the department/area achieve on this objective? (This should be a number, i.e. 82%, 6%, 345 attendees, 75% engagement)

100%

20. Objective 2: Did your department meet this objective?

- ☐ The department did not meet this objective.
- ☒ The department met this objective.
- ☐ The department exceeded this objective.

21. Objective 2: Improvement Plans and Evidence of changes based on an analysis of the results: What did your department learn from working toward this objective? What changes will you make based on this effort next year?

The department staff will continue to monitor, measure and look for opportunities to continue to model web page data in such a way that it meets the goals of the institution efficiently

22. Objective 3: What was this department's third objective for this fiscal year? Objectives should be specific, measurable, and achievable within one year.

ESM will validate backups for 100% of its critical systems annually

23. Objective 3: Detail specifically how your department measured this objective? (Survey, budget number, number of participants, jobs completed, measurable time and/or effort, etc)

Audit of backup jobs and logs are accomplished daily/weekly for incremental and full backup jobs respectively

24. Objective 3: What was your target outcome for this objective? (1.e. 80% participation, 5% enrollment growth, 7% change in engagement)

The target outcome is 100% of critical systems backups are obtained, tested and audited weekly with daily job reports being audited.

25. Objective 3: Provide details for your target performance level established (i.e. accreditation requirement, past performance data, peer program review, etc)

Backup schedule, backup jobs and critical system backups are tested weekly and audited daily

26. Objective 3: At what level did the department/area achieve on this objective? (This should be a number, i.e. 82%, 6%, 345 attendees, 75% engagement)

100%

27. Objective 3: Did your department meet this objective?

- ☐ The department did not meet this objective.
- ☒ The department met this objective.
- ☐ The department exceeded this objective.

28. Objective 3: Improvement Plans and Evidence of changes based on an analysis of the results: What did your department learn from working toward this objective? What changes will you make based on this effort next year?

ESM identified critical systems, scheduled backup jobs and accomplished full backups of these critical system and scheduled an incremental backup daily between full backup sets. These jobs test the captured backup data to validate the backups prior to the job being categorized as completed successfully. ESM staff audit job logs daily

29. Objective 4: What was this department's fourth objective for this fiscal year? Objectives should be specific, measurable, and achievable within one year.

N/A

30. Objective 4: Detail specifically how your department measured this objective? (Survey, budget number, number of participants, jobs completed, measurable time and/or effort, etc)

N/A

31. Objective 4: What was your target outcome for this objective? (1.e. 80% participation, 5% enrollment growth, 7% change in engagement)

N/A

32. Objective 4: Provide details for your target performance level established (i.e. accreditation requirement, past performance data, peer program review, etc)

N/A

33. Objective 4: At what level did the department/area achieve on this objective? (This should be a number, i.e. 82%, 6%, 345 attendees, 75% engagement)

N/A

34. Objective 4: Did your department meet this objective?

☐ The department did not meet this objective.

☒ The department met this objective.

- ☐ The department exceeded this objective.

35. Objective 4: Improvement Plans and Evidence of changes based on an analysis of the results: What did your department learn from working toward this objective? What changes will you make based on this effort next year?

N/A

36. Based on your goals and objectives listed above please indicate their connection with MGA's Strategic Plan (https://www.mga.edu/about/strategic-plan/docs/Strategic_Plan_2023-2028.pdf) by checking all associated and relevant Strategies from the list below. (Check all the apply)

- ☐ Champion Student Success 1. Demonstrate standards of excellence in all academic programs
- ☐ Champion Student Success 2. Grow student engagement at all degree levels
- ☐ Champion Student Success 3. Expand enrollment and graduation
- ☐ Lead Innovation and Economic Opportunity 4. Ensure high-demand programs for workforce and career alignment
- ☐ Lead Innovation and Economic Opportunity 5. Use Center for Middle Georgia Studies to drive University outreach
- ☐ Lead Innovation and Economic Opportunity 6. Coordinate faculty scholarship and grant awards to build University reputation
- ☒ Build Culture and Identity 7. Plan, resource, and promote campus roles and identities
- ☒ Build Culture and Identity 8. Pursue great-place/college -to-work designation
- ☐ Build Culture and Identity 9. Promote culture of wellness throughout the MGA community
- ☐ Build Culture and Identity 10. Compete and win at the NCAA Division II level
- ☒ Sustain Fiscal Resilience and Brand Value 11. Apply data-driven accountability to all operations
- ☒ Sustain Fiscal Resilience and Brand Value 12. Maintain access, affordability and value for all students
- ☐ Sustain Fiscal Resilience and Brand Value 13. Grow and diversity streams of revenue

37. Please indicate which of the following actions you took as a result of the 2023/2024 Assessment Cycle (**prior cycle**) (Note: These actions are documented in reports, memos, emails, meeting minutes, or other directives within the reporting area)(Check all the apply)

- ☒ Disseminating/Discussing Assessment Results/Feedback to Appropriate Members of the Campus Community
- ☐ Disseminating/Discussing Assessment Results/Feedback to Appropriate External Stakeholders
- ☒ Faculty or Staff Support: Professional Development Activities, Trainings, Workshops, Technical Assistance
- ☒ Process Changes: Improve, Expand, Refine, Enhance, Discontinue, etc Operational Processes
- ☐ Request for Additional Financial or Human Resources
- ☒ Customer Service Changes: Communication, Services, etc
- ☐ Making Improvements to Teaching Approach, Course Design, Curriculum, Scheduling, other
- ☐ Evaluating and/or Revising the Reporting Lines Internal Assessment Processes

☐ Other

38. Please indicate which of the following actions you will take as a result of the 2024/2025 Assessment Cycle (**current cycle**) (Note: These actions must be documented in reports, memos, emails, meeting minutes, or other directives within the reporting area)(Check all the apply)

☒ Disseminating/Discussing Assessment Results/Feedback to Appropriate Members of the Campus Community

☐ Disseminating/Discussing Assessment Results/Feedback to Appropriate External Stakeholders

☒ Faculty or Staff Support: Professional Development Activities, Trainings, Workshops, Technical Assistance

☒ Process Changes: Improve, Expand, Refine, Enhance, Discontinue, etc Operational Processes

☐ Request for Additional Financial or Human Resources

☒ Customer Service Changes: Communication, Services, etc

☐ Making Improvements to Teaching Approach, Course Design, Curriculum, Scheduling, other

☐ Evaluating and/or Revising the Reporting Lines Internal Assessment Processes

☐ Other

39. Please provide a **comprehensive narrative** outlining how assessment results are utilized for continuous improvement in this field. Your narrative **should be of sufficient length and detail** to address the past, present, and future aspects of assessment, with specific emphasis on how these results inform decision-making and drive improvement efforts.

ESM is upgrading server operating systems across the University. This effort mitigates risk, introduces greater security posture and increases productivity and scalability while decommissioning obsolete server operating systems. Currently nearly 90 percent of our server operating systems are at or above server 2016 level with many already at 2022 server operating system level. Continued efforts to modernize the server software and server architecture to include enhancements in data storage and highly available physical server architecture are underway. This effort will reduce complexity, increase capability and scalability and provide redundant and resilient computing resources for virtual machines and backup systems currently relied upon. Technical refresh projects provide opportunities for training of department staff as well as an opportunity to fully document refreshed systems and establish critical security baseline configurations on all new server hardware and operating systems placed into production.

40. Please indicate (if appropriate) any local, state, or national initiatives (academic or otherwise) that are influential in the operations, or goals, and objectives of your unit. (Complete College Georgia, USG High Impact Practice Initiative, LEAP, USG Momentum Year, Low-Cost No-Cost Books, etc)

USG Cybersecurity Initiatives

41. Please identify and detail three to four measurable objectives for the next fiscal year. In listing the objectives, please use the format shown in these examples. 1) The Department of X will improve services levels by 5% as measured by our satisfaction survey. 2) The department of X will provide training in ABC for at least 73 MGA faculty and staff.

1. Technical refresh of all virtual server physical architecture 2. Upgrade backup server systems to include storage capacity and speed. 3. Create a security checklist to establish a baseline for all server operating systems that must be accomplished prior to being placed into production. 4. Train ESM staff on virtual server physical architecture and fully document the process to include security checklist, installation guides and system diagrams

42. Optional Mindset Update (Academic Deans ONLY) Please provide an update on the implementation of your school based mindset plan/strategy. Include any adjustments to metrics for the FY24 as well as outcomes associated with your appraisal of your schools activities.

43. Did you use any of the following resources to support your data collection, analysis, and planning efforts? Please check all that apply and/or list any others you utilized:

- ☐ MGA Dashboards
- ☐ USG Dashboards
- ☐ MGA Institutional Reports
- ☐ USG System-Level Reports
- ☐ MGA Internal Surveys
- ☐ USG-Administered Surveys
- ☐ Academic Program Reviews
- ☐ Strategic Planning Documents (MGA and/or USG)
- ☐ Enrollment Reports (term-over-term, year-over-year)
- ☐ Retention/Graduation/Success Rate Reprots
- ☐ Budget or Financial Reports
- ☐ Assessment Reports of Institutional Effectiveness Documents
- ☐ Faculty/Staff Workload Data
- ☐ Peer Institution Comparisons or Benchmarking Reports
- ☐ External Accreditor Data or Standards
- ☐ National or State Data Sets (IPEDS, NCES, Georgia Data System, etc.)
- ☐ Custom Data Requests (OIRDS or other offices)
- ☐ Other (please specify):

44. Optional: The following upload portal is available to supplement your report with supportive documentation should you wish to provide any (instruments, data, etc).

