Survey of Departmental Assessment

Department: Accounting

Submitted by: H. W. Hennessey

Date: 14 May 2013

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2. If yes, what has your department done in the past 5 years? (Give a brief description of what was done and the results of what was found. Use the back of this page if needed.)

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4. And what happened with the information that was collected? Did the information lead to any initiatives or changes?

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Submitted by: Tam Vu
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   *We need a capstone course. Please help us with developing one.