Measuring a Culture of Evidence for _____

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	Good Intentions	Justification	Strategy	Evidence
Intentionality (Thoughtfulness in action or decision)	People have a sense that they are doing good things.	People can describe what they are doing (i.e. operational or procedural specificity).	People can describe what they are accomplishing (i.e. strategic pertinence, how what they are doing relates to mission and goals).	People know that they are doing the right things and can describe why they are doing them, and what they are accomplishing through them.
Perspective (Relative to position, institutional role and general point of view)	Incidental / Opportunistic. Recognize data is important, but do not make any particular efforts to collect it.	After-the-Fact. Data is used retroactively as justification for predetermined positions or prior decisions.	Before-the-fact. Assessment is designed with an end in mind. (e.g. Identification of learning outcomes, how the data will be used)	Real Time / Continuous. Data is collected and regularly used to inform processes. Data helps us close the loop on improvement processes and educational outcomes.
Critical Linkages (Connections that manage movement and relationships)	Unclear / Opaque. Data, when collected, is not shared beyond assessors, so connections cannot be made.	Cloudy. Assessment conducted from a defensive posture, especially related to questions of budgetary and operational efficiency.	Translucent. Assessment understood and shared, but only with allies or key partners. Scope is limited to midmanagers.	Clear / Transparent. Outsiders can see and understand contributions to student and institutional success. Assessment is shared with all stakeholders.
Initiatives and	Determined by whim,	Administration initiates	Directors own and initiate	All stakeholders own assessment.
Directions (Goals, programs,	interest, opportunity.	assessment and it is done only when asked for or required.	assessment. Data describe the current situation.	Success is operationalized, concretely described, and evaluated based on evidence.
projects, and plans)	Vague and individualized.	Sporadic and limited to	Organized, routinized, and	Ongoing, strategic and clearly linked to
Planning Processes	Success is vague or interpretive, and	immediate question or application. Data linked	localized. Data informs deliberate <u>cyclical or</u>	past and future. Triangulation of findings through multiple/established
(Strategic planning, goal	evaluated based on "feel,"	retroactively to strategic	episodic strategic planning	assessments. Data incorporated into
setting, measuring outcomes)	intent and effort. Collective or strategic planning does not exist.	context, goals, expectations, etc. but <u>not</u> <u>planning-oriented.</u>	exercises.	continuous strategic thinking.

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