Digital Measures: Faculty Activity Reporting

Oregon State University is the state's land grant institution of higher education. As such we are the recipient of dedicated state and federal funding. We are increasingly being held accountable by policy makers, taxpayers, and other stakeholders for the public good gained from the use of those funds.

Digital Measures is a licensed faculty accountability software organized around the academic curriculum vita. It is used for reporting by more than 300 institutions of higher education in the United States. One of its strengths is that data input templates and reporting outputs can be customized. Each faculty member has a secure profile in Digital Measures into which you enter your efforts and accomplishments. Only designated administrators at the college, department, or unit level can view your entries.

Whether your appointment is teaching, research, extension, or some combination of those missions, Digital Measures is to be used as your institutional repository for accomplishments. It enables data to be entered once and then used for a myriad of reporting needs. You will enter your own information and annual updates are required in order to be reviewed, and to be considered for merit increases.

To date, these are the customizations that the College of Agricultural Sciences and OSU Extension Service have implemented in Digital Measures:

- Digital Measures communicates daily with Banner, and faculty profiles are automatically created when employee ID numbers "go live" in Banner;
- Digital Measures log-in is your ONID username and password;
- Courses taught and electronic Student Evaluation of Teaching records are automatically entered into appropriate faculty profiles in Digital Measures at the end of each term;
- Templates for Extension annual reporting and explanatory text have been created;
- A template for the annual faculty Agricultural Experiment Station report has been created;
- Biosketches that specifically address the requirements of NIH and NSF can be created from your profile;
- All templates have been customized to meet the reporting needs of College and Extension faculty. Extraneous fields or choices included in the standard Digital Measures package have been deleted or edited to minimize confusion in terms and to address reporting expectations of our administrators;
- Most importantly for faculty, a promotion and tenure curriculum vita report has been created. The output of this report meets the University requirements for the promotion and tenure dossier.
- The Periodic Review of Faculty (PROF) requirements for each of the College's units have been analyzed, and we will create customized reports to meet those needs.

You can access Digital Measures at http://digitalmeasures.oregonstate.edu/ Help is an email or phone call away. Your Digital Measures representative contact information is here, and short, specific training videos and documents are available here: http://digitalmeasures.oregonstate.edu/training. Please submit your ideas for unmet training needs through your representative. Look for the "Help" choice in the left-hand menu at any point during data entry to get specific data entry information.