

Assessment Based Improvement Report
Department(Unit): Political Science
College (Division): Dean - College of Liberal Arts

| Assessment Result from UEP that Indicated Need for Improvement | Improvements Implemented | Semester |
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| 1. Faculty survey and input indicated that increased M&O/Travel would enhance their research productivity. 2. Student survey indicated need for a broadly accessible "student handbook." 3. Student survey indicated need for more courses in Comparative/International Politics. 4. Student survey indicated need for more work on research designs in the methods course. 5. Imbedded assessments of graduate students' performance indicated weaknesses in collecting original data. | 1. UTA Administration began basing M&O budgets more on a formula basis and our M&O budget has consequently increased considerably--allowing us to provide even more travel opportunities and greater computer resources for our faculty. 2. Work has begun on incorporating an undergraduate student handbook into our Departmental web site. 3. The Department has requested a new hire in Comparative/International Politics and has managed to add one more courses in this area to the Spring 2005 schedule. 4. Instructors in the methods course have developed individual means for introducing our students to research designs. 5. Instructors in the graduate seminars have begun to assist our graduate students in collecting original data--or at least being able to download and/or access data from primary sources ranging from the ICPSR to the World Bank. | Fall-2004 |

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