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Title

Connecting Assessment to Teaching and Learning using the AEFIS Solution Platform

Abstract

With the costs of higher education on the rise, institutions are feeling pressure from accrediting and governmental agencies to demonstrate tangible returns on investment. The Academic Evaluation, Feedback and Intervention System—AEFIS is the innovative tool developed by Untra Academic Management Solutions, LLC—UntraAMS, to measure student and faculty performance in relationship to learning outcomes set at varying institutional levels. The real-time data aggregated by the AEFIS Solution Platform can not only be applied to accreditation processes, but more importantly to effective course and program design. The central entity of the AEFIS Solution Platform is the syllabus. The syllabus is an aggregate view of feedback regarding courses, to include notes and recommendations, course history, course objectives, course outcomes inherited from institutional levels and accrediting agencies, and valuable student and faculty survey results. The implementation of this information is the revolutionary Instructional Decision Support System—IDSS™. Mr. Sualp will address the efficiency of this easy-to-use system for faculty course planning practices to improve student learning.

Biography

Mustafa Sualp is currently the President and CEO of Untra Corporation, founded in 1999. He has since nurtured it to a thriving web and IT consulting firm, generating measurable success through dynamic, shifting conditions and in downturn markets. As a senior executive with over 15 years of diverse Internet and technology management experience, he has proven himself as a competent visionary in establishing IS/IT strategy using strong technical know-how, creative design, methodical development and results-driven implementation skills. He has repeatedly demonstrated effective results in integrating practical process models with solution strategies that scale with technology. Under his leadership, Untra Corporation was recognized as the 85th fastest growing, privately held company in the Philadelphia region by the reputable Philadelphia 100® list published by the Philadelphia Business Journal and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sualp, as the original architect of the Academic Evaluation, Feedback and Intervention System—AEFIS, has spread information about AEFIS to faculty of universities worldwide at numerous conferences concerning institutional accreditation and received interest from a great number of them. Mr. Sualp has presented at many conferences; in August of 2009, Mr. Sualp attended the ABET IDEAL (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Institute for the Development of Excellence in Assessment Leadership) training seminar. In 2010 Mr. Sualp will be presenting at several conferences including the eighth International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications (EISTA) in June.