

AMCOA Team Meeting: FY24 in Review

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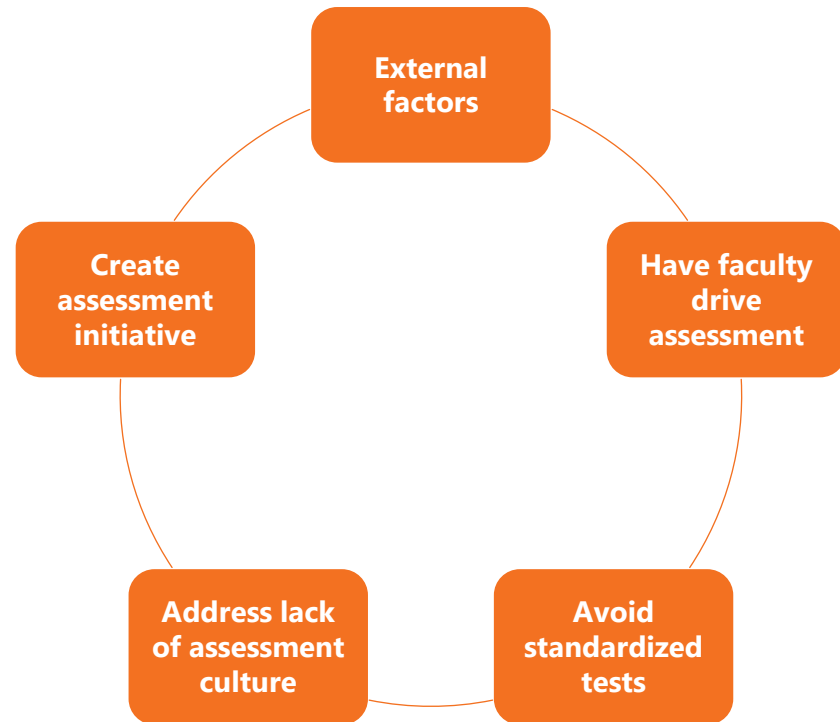
Amcoa Team Defined

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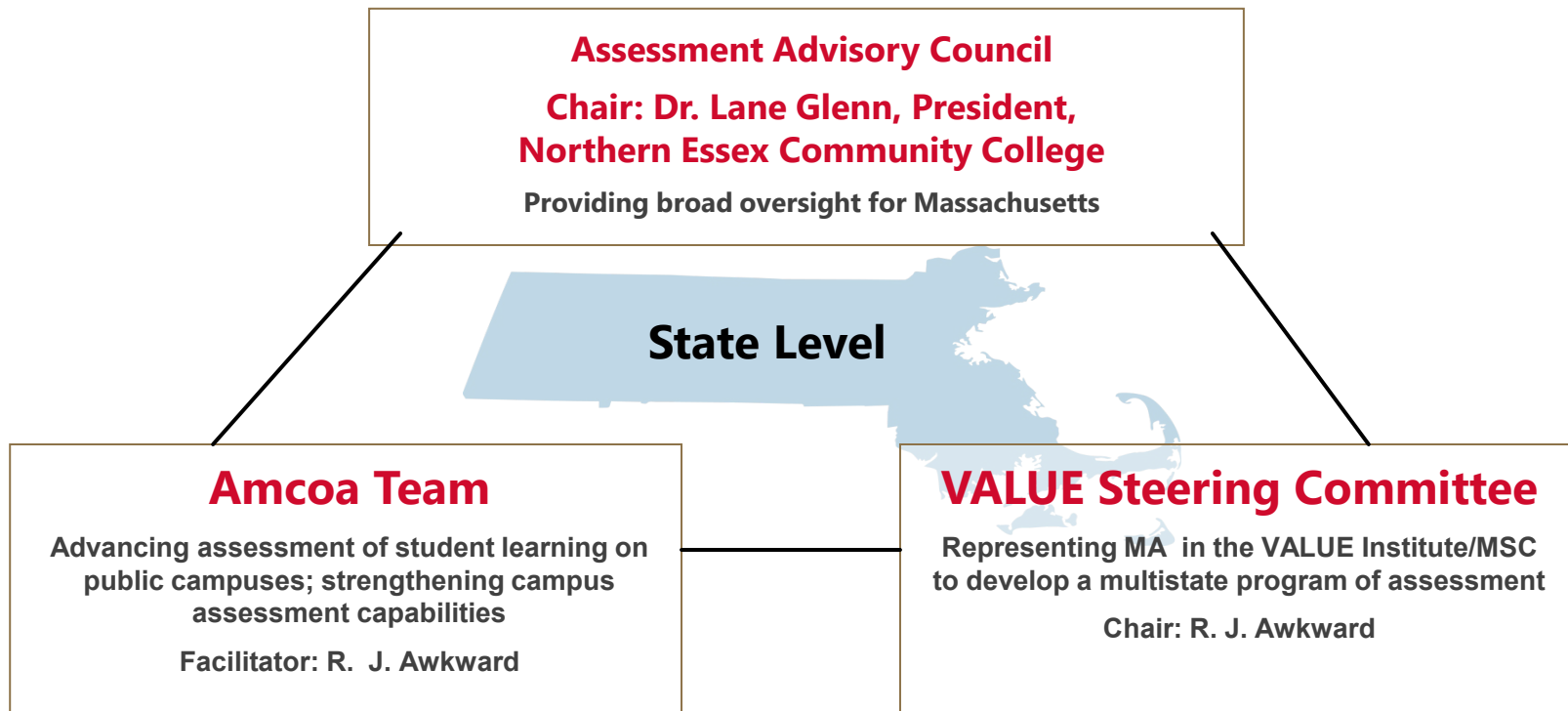
Student Learning Outcomes Assessment

Brief History

- Working Group on Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment established the following in January 2010:



Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Organizing Structure



Elements of our Assessment Platform (mass.edu/strategic)

- **Assessment Advisory Council**
 - [Assessment Advisory Council / Student Learning Outcomes / Strategic Initiatives / Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#)
- **MassTransfer Pathways Foundational Learning Outcomes**
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- **Student Learning Outcomes**
 - [Student Learning Outcomes / Strategic Initiatives / Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#)
- **VALUE Institute**
 - [Value Institute History / Student Learning Outcomes / Strategic Initiatives / Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#)

What are the Benefits of Amcoa?

- Shared learning:
 - Statewide
 - Regionally
- Cost-effective program delivery
- Sharing best practices
- Reducing redundancies
- Opportunities for co-creation of knowledge

Who is Amcoa?

- The Amcoa Team (mass.edu/strategic/amcoa)
 - [Student Learning Outcomes / Strategic Initiatives / Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#)
- Founded in 2011 through a Davis Foundation grant
- Typically three representatives from each of the 28 undergraduate-serving institutions
- There is also an Assessment Advisory Council comprised of one representative from each of the 28 undergraduate-serving institutions. Focus is on statewide assessment policy

Quarterly Meetings

- **Sept. 22, 2023**
 - FY23 Amcoa in Review and the State of Assessment in Massachusetts
- **Nov. 11, 2023**
 - “Conversations & Explorations on Equity & Assessment;” Dr. Divya Bhedan, DEI Consultant
- **Feb. 22, 2024**
 - “Institutional Assessment Program: A Segmental View - Mass. Bay Community College, Fitchburg State University and UMass Amherst
- **March 15, 2024**
 - “What’s Equity Got to Do With It?: Equity-Centered Assessment in Context;” Dr. Bethany Miller, Associate Provost for Institutional Research & Assessment, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

Annual Assessment Conference

The Work of Assessment Remains Critical to Creating Improved & Equitable Learning Experiences

- Friday, April 26, 2024
- Fitchburg State University, Hammond Hall
- Keynoter:
 - Dr. Jillian Kinzie, Associate Director, NSSE, Center for Postsecondary Research, Indiana University
- Public and private presenters
- 100% rated the usefulness of the conference as Very Satisfied/Satisfied (based on a 38% response rate)

Regional Professional Development

■ **North Region**

- Middlesex Community College, North Shore Community College, Northern Essex Community College, Salem State University, UMass Lowell
- *Equity-Driven Assessment: Simple Steps to Creating Inclusive Assignments*
- Dr. Karen Singer Freeman, Director of the Research Center for the Advancement of Teaching, Wake Forest University
- March 8, 2024

■ **Boston Metro Region**

- Bunker Hill Community College, Framingham State University, Mass. Bay Community College, Mass. Art & Design, Roxbury Community College, UMass Boston

■ **Central Region**

- Fitchburg State University, Mount Wachusett Community College, Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester State University

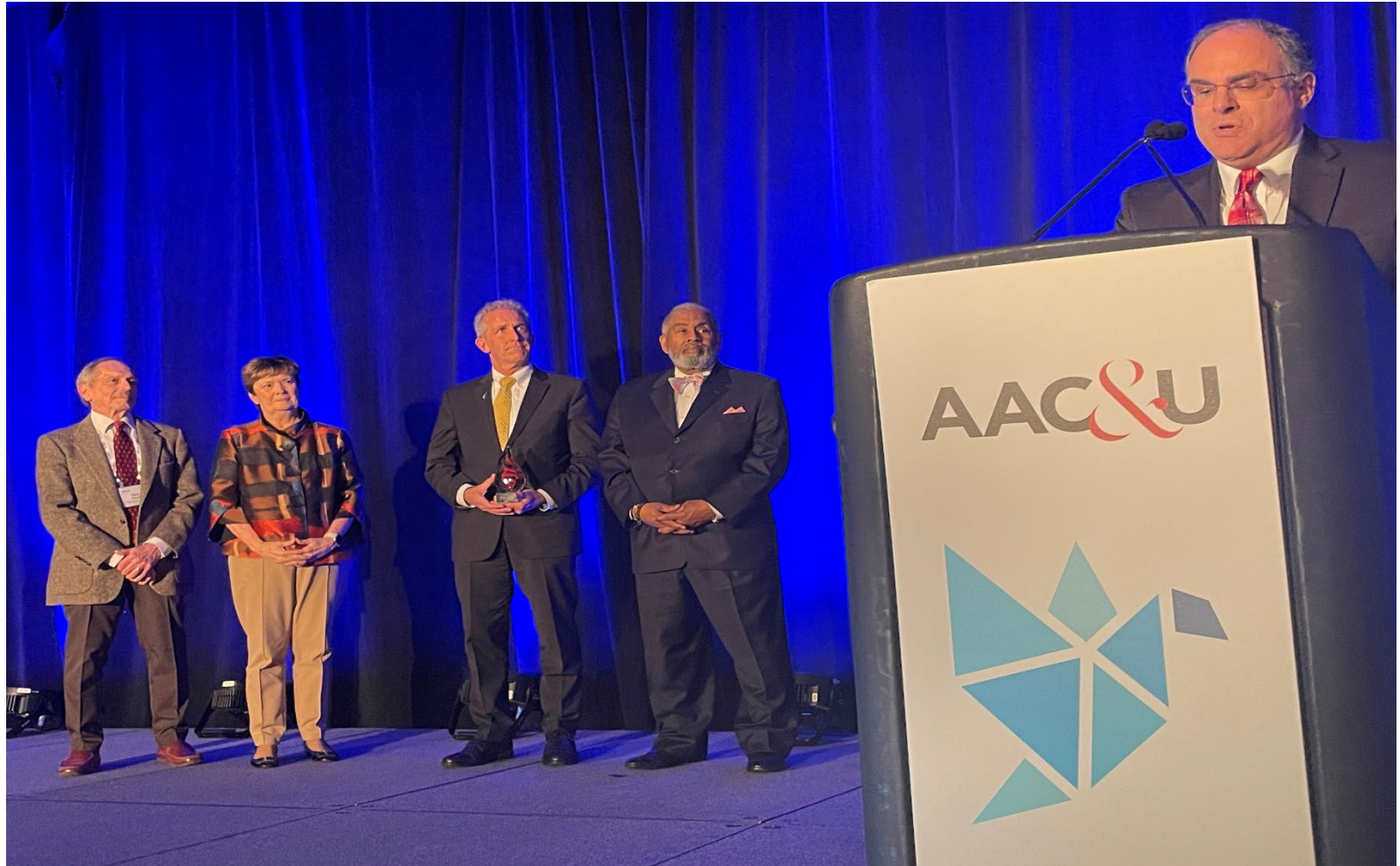
■ **Southeast Region**

- Bridgewater State University, Bristol Community College, Cape Cod Community College, Mass. Maritime Academy, Massasoit Community College, UMass Dartmouth

■ **Western Region**

- Berkshire Community College, Greenfield Community College, Holyoke Community College, Mass. College of Liberal Arts, Springfield Technical Community College, UMass Amherst, Westfield State University

Honor



AAC&U Honor



- Second Terrel L. Rhodes Game Changer Award presented at the AAC&U General Education, Pedagogy & Assessment Conference Opening Plenary on April 11, 2024 in Providence, RI
- Recognizes our legacy work to help create the Multi-State Collaborative and to nurture and encourage the use of authentic student artifacts and the VALUE Institute