Evaluation, Assessment, and Accreditation, Oh My! Dr. John R. O'Malley Jr. Georgia Southern University

Whenever evaluation, assessment and accreditation are mentioned, faculty and administrators tend to cringe and whine. It is hoped that at the end of the session, participants will have a more positive view of these three aspects of the new normal in higher education. The session will begin with a discussion on the differences between evaluation and assessment and how they relate to accreditation. The discussion will then move to how assessment can be properly perceived as a way to improve program and student outcomes by informing faculty on how to maximize student learning. The session will conclude with a discussion on how the importance of these concepts is changing due to external pressures. The session will be interactive with participation by attendees.