Using External Instruments to Benchmark RU’s Core Learning Outcomes: Some Advantages

- Benchmarking enables the process of finding best practices and learning from others.
- It provides a standard measurement of effective performance among similar institutions.
- Benchmarking is a means by which an institution can demonstrate accountability to stakeholders.
- It provides a better understanding of practice and performance, as well as insights into how improvements might occur.
- It places students’ performance in perspective against a more specific group of institutions.
- It provides a sharper focus on challenges of getting consensus within an institution on what should be measured and how.
- Benchmarking allows institutions to identify gaps in performance and to rectify the same.
- It enables an institution to get a sense of the level it is performing relative to others.
- It provides an avenue for self-evaluation and self-improvement by using standardized metrics for meaningful comparisons.