There are no consent issues at play in this process. For one, the reflection is treated like any other internal assessment program and, therefore, does not require IRB supervision. That being said, we will be redacting all identifying information from the reflections when we move them from the submission process to the scoring process. That will give us confidentiality, not anonymity, which is the best we can offer given that we need to be able to track scores to process the data. In the end, the data isn’t ever about single students or single classes, the lowest point of analysis we will be making is to the college level, so all reflections will be combined to give us a college score. When students do their own reflections in work places where confidentiality is important, please make sure you work with them to ensure best practices, especially the use of pseudonyms rather than actual names.

The use of the reflections has been explained at all of the meetings I’ve been able to have with folk. I realize that the odd start of this process coupled with the current pandemic have created large pockets of folk who have still not gotten direct communications about things, but that will slowly ebb as we move things forward. The reality is that the reflection is a core feature of assessing the student learning goals for the IAE and is a requirement for all IAE-designated courses and they need to be uploaded if possible.