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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES MONTHLY REPORT – June 2012

Updated 7/19/2012 – Changes included are in **bold and italics**.

- The SLO Coordinator met earlier this month with the SLO coordinators at the district office for the first summer meeting of LACCD SLOAC (Student Learning Outcomes Advisory Council). At the meeting, best practices were shared in the form of documents used in the SLO assessment process. Discussion centered on ACCJC accreditation issues of concern like ILO and GE assessment and the importance of campus SLO validation teams. These meetings will be an ongoing resource for SLOs at West.
- A meeting was held with the Associate Dean of Student Services (Student Activities) to discuss developing a student friendly SLO website which will link to the ASO webpage and plans are moving forward to accomplish this. The SLO committee requested an opportunity to attend future ASO and or Student Club meetings to promote understanding of SLOs and other related information.
- West's SLO Coordinator and the Dean of Teaching and Learning met with the SLO Coordinator at Southwest College to review the current status and SLO processes used at the college. Recently, Southwest went through an accreditation site visit and preliminary comments on SLO assessment were favorable. West was able to determine that our current process has been pursuing a similar direction in our overall assessment process. Benchmarking SLO assessment was one key best practice that West will discuss incorporating.

Institutional Learning Outcomes

- Preliminary data has been gathered from the ILO assessment rubrics used at the Poster Project Showcase that took place in May.
- ILO assessment is also taking place at West through a recent graduate survey. The final survey results are still being calculated.
- Future ILO assessment methods are ongoing and the SLO committee is currently looking for faculty input to implement our next ILO assessment project.

→ **Next Steps:** The SLO committee is looking to hold meetings with **all** division chairs and other available faculty in July to continue building dialogue on ILOs. Faculty will review and validate ILO assessment data from the poster project and discuss findings and collaborate on future plans for assessment.

Instructional Programs**Program Learning Outcomes**

- Faculty are reminded that the course specific SLOs are created and aligned with Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) that the division has created. These SLOs need to be included in the course outlines of record as well as all syllabi.

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- To date, 72% (34 out of 47) of all campus programs have been assessed. By fall of 2012, West will need to be at 100% completion in this area. *See attached Program SLO Assessment Analysis Report.*
- The SLO coordinator is reviewing models and consulting with SLO Coordinators at other community college campuses for GE assessment.

→ Next Steps: Division Chairs from Behavioral and Social Sciences, Applied Technology, Business, Dance/Health/PE, Math and Language Arts will be working with the SLO Coordinator to complete assessment calendars over the summer.

Courses

- The Computer Science Information Technology (CSIT) division is in its 2nd cycle of course assessment. As of Fall 2011, all courses offered in the division have been assessed at least one time. 10 Courses that were taught in Spring 2012 are now being assessed using the SLO course assessment tool. When the Fall Semester resumes, these assessment forms will be discussed and analyzed during division meetings by faculty.
- A report is in the process of being created for division chairs to review all courses currently offered on campus. It will include the corresponding course SLOs and the assessment methods for those SLOs as recorded in the ECD system. Using the report, chairs will then be able to confirm that the SLO information for course outlines in the ECD system is accurate and matches the SLO assessment tool documents.
- Faculty are reminded that the course specific SLOS are created and aligned with Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) that the division has created. These SLOs need to be included in the course outlines of record as well as all syllabi.

→ Next Steps: Division Chairs from Behavioral and Social Sciences, Applied Technology, Business, Dance/Health/PE, Math and Language Arts will be working with the SLO Coordinator to complete assessment calendars over the summer. The assessment calendars map out all courses offered and when they will be assessed again. West is on a four-year cycle of course assessment and having just reached 100% completion this past fall, the continuous cycle of improvement moves into cycle two. ***The SLO committee is currently looking to add additional members to its committee; divisional council members are encouraged to inquire.***

Administrative Services (Service Area Outcomes)

- A meeting with the V.P. of Admin Services will take place this summer to continue the work on creating robust SAOs with the input from the Administrative Services Team.

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→ **Next Steps:** Ken Takeda will be working closely with the SLO Coordinator to develop more outcomes for each of the service areas on campus. ***The SLO committee is currently looking to add additional members to its committee; members of the administrative services team are encouraged to inquire.***

Student Services (Service Level Outcomes)

- A meeting was held with Student Services to discuss the revision of the existing Student Services outcomes. There was discussion to hone in on simplified and measurable outcomes that focus on student learning. A benchmarking modification to the existing Student Services assessment form was also discussed. Another topic of discussion centered on linking Student Services outcome information with Program Review. The next meeting with Student Services is scheduled for the first week of July.

→ **Next Steps:** Meetings with Student Services to clarify SLO development and assessment will be ongoing throughout July and August. ***The SLO committee is currently looking to add additional members to its committee; members of the student services team are encouraged to inquire.***

Resources

- A handbook on SLOs is in the process of being developed. Faculty needing assistance or additional resources will soon have yet another way to engage in the SLO assessment process.
- The SLO website is a robust new site that is now available for faculty to view. It can be accessed at the Faculty/Staff → Governance → Academic Senate or by using this URL <http://www.wlac.edu/slo>
- This new webpage also links to the old page (SLO Portfolio Project) under Resources.

Faculty Reflection

“I see course assessments as a vital part of my role as faculty. I’m an instructor who appreciates order in my courses even though I don’t necessarily rely on lesson plans. I see the course assessment tool as a checklist to visualize student accomplishment in an orderly way. Through the assessment process, I’m able to answer questions like, ‘Did I achieve all that I wanted with this course? Did my students just make their way through the weekly course objectives or did they actually attain the learning that was intended?’”

-Joyce Sweeney (Humanities and Fine Arts Division)

Division/Program	Program SLO Assessment Analysis			
	# of Programs Offered	# of Programs Assessed	% of Programs Assessed	Date of Last Assessment
Allied Health	2	2	100%	
Dental Hygiene	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Pharmacy Tech	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Applied Technology	3	1	33%	
Aviation Maintenance Tech	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Hospitality	1	0	0%	
Travel	1	0	0%	
Behavioral & Social Sciences	10	10	100%	
Administration of Justice	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Alcohol & Drug Studies	1	1	100%	Fall 2011
Anthropology	1	1	100%	Fall 2011
Child Development	1	1	100%	Fall 2011
Economics	1	1	100%	Spr 2012
Fire Technology	1	1	100%	Fall 2011
History(Chicano/Af Amer)	1	1	100%	Spr 2012
Political Science	1	1	100%	Spr 2012
Psychology	1	1	100%	Fall 2011
Sociology	1	1	100%	Fall 2011
Business	7	7	100%	
Accounting	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Business	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Business Administration	1	1	100%	Spr 2012
Management/Small Business	1	1	100%	
Marketing	1	1	100%	Spr 2012
Paralegal Studies	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Real Estate	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Computer Science	5	5	100%	
Legal Secretary	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Comp Apps Office Admin	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Comp Science Info Tech	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Network/Security Mgmt	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Computer Network Mgmt	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Dance, Health & Physical Ed	1	1	100%	0
Physical Education	1	1	100%	Fall 2011
Humanities & Fine Arts	7	7	100%	0
Art/Ceramics	1	1	100%	Fall 2011

	Program SLO Assessment Analysis			
	# of Programs Offered	# of Programs Assessed	% of Programs Assessed	Date of Last Assessment
Division/Program				
Art/Drawing & Painting	1	1	100%	Fall 2011
Production Crafts	1	1	100%	Fall 2011
French	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Music	1	1	100%	Spr 2011
Philosophy	1	1	100%	Fall 2011
Spanish	1	1	100%	Fall 2011
Language Arts	2	0	1	
English	1	0	0%	
Speech	1	0	0%	
Mathematics	1	1	1	
Math	1	1	100%	
Science	5	0	0	
Biology	1	0	0%	
Chemistry	1	0	0%	
Geography	1	0	0%	
Geology	1	0	0%	
Physics	1	0	0%	
Liberal Arts	4	0	0	
Arts & Humanities	1	0	0%	
Social Sciences	1	0	0%	
Health Professions	1	0	0%	
Math, Science, & Comp Sci	1	0	0%	
TOTALS	47	34	72%	