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SLO News and Updates

We are very pleased to report that over 30 faculty and staff members from West attended the SLO symposium on Friday, April 12. Faculty started the day with a presentation from the SLO Coordinator on the SLO Cycle at West and many questions were answered to help clarify the SLO process and planning for SLO assessment with calendars.

Our special guest moderator from the RP Group, Bob Pacheco then opened the session on “Campus Awareness of SLOs” which was followed by a session on “Faculty dialogue about SLO findings” and a working lunch session called “Evaluating the SLO process”. The day finished with small group meetings with Bob and the division chairs, and service area representatives. The day’s proceedings and all supporting documents are available at our wiki page.

The Accreditation follow-up visit took place on April 16, and the early reports are that much progress has been made at West that is directly related to recommendations made about SLOs. More to come on this visit as the final report with commission findings will be issued in summer.

The SLO Coordinator attended another meeting of the SLO Advisory Council on April 17 at the District Office. The meeting gave the SLO Coordinator an opportunity to share West’s Institutional SLOs and General Education SLOs. All district colleges are considering the possibility of having district alignment in this area; more to come as these discussions continue. Other discussion points centered on the need for data management systems to house SLO assessment reports. Including West, there are three other colleges in need of such a system.

On Friday April 19, the Dean of Research and Planning, the Dean of Teaching and Learning, the SLO Coordinator, and Research Analyst attended an ACCJC Regional Workshop at Pierce College to discuss Institutional Quality Assurance and SLOs. The document “Twelve Common Questions and Answers About Regional Accreditation” that was shared can be found at http://www.accjc.org/presidents-desk.

Upcoming Events

SLO Hours - Drop in for assistance in assessing your course SLOs.
Mondays and Wednesdays | 1:00-3:00 pm | CE-226
Feel free to contact Todd Matosic (x4213) to schedule another time convenient for you.

SLO Committee 1:00-2:30 | Apr 15 | May 20
SLO Workgroup 1:00-2:00 pm | May 6 | June 3
Curriculum Committee 1:00-3:00 pm | Apr 29 | May 20
The Spring semester is nearly completed which means that course assessments for Spring will be getting underway shortly. Please ask your division chair for information on these assessments.

If you are in need of assistance to assess your course from Fall 2012 or Spring 2013, you can contact The SLO Coordinator as always. Todd Matosic is available at x4213 or matosit@wlac.edu.

You can also contact one of West’s SLO Leaders. Grace Chee is available at cheege@wlac.edu, Joy Ogami is available at ogamij@wlac.edu or 310-287-7221, and Jan Vanderpool is available at vanderj@wlac.edu.

Course SLOs at West

To view the course SLOs for your course, visit http://www.wlac.edu/slo/course_slos.html.

This page will open in a new window. (Signing-in is NOT required). Locate your Division on the tabs at the bottom of the window. See below in blue. Click on the tab and locate your course. Click on the arrow buttons on the right to see additional course SLOs.

Course SLOs are listed alphabetically by course. You can also click on "Edit -> Find and Replace" to locate your course.

In your syllabus, be sure to include ALL of the course SLOs for your course.

Course SLO Assessments

Be sure to submit your course SLO assessments from Fall 2012. In addition, Spring 2013 courses that were not offered in Fall 2012 will be assessed as well. Please remember to save the student work associated with your course SLO assessment.