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SLO News and Updates

During Flex Day 2012, Todd Matosic and Mary-Jo Apigo, the SLO Committee Co-Chairs led the breakout session, Linking SLOs and Pedagogy: Rubrics, Assessment, and Faculty Dialogue. At this workshop, we debuted the first edition of the SLO Newsletter, discussed ways to engage in faculty dialogue, and developed a rubric.

The SLO Committee is proud to announce its newest members: Celena Alcala, Anna Chiang, and Luis Cordova. Celena Alcala brings her years of experience in Student Services to our team, and we are proud to have her valuable insight. Anna Chiang has been with West for over ten years and is on her second term as Chair of the Computer Science Division. We’re looking forward to her contributions related to SLO development and strengthened courses. We are equally excited that Luis Cordova, the newest member of Language Arts, has joined the SLO Committee.

Todd Matosic, the SLO Coordinator, will be holding SLO Hours this semester; see below for the dates and times. Please take advantage of these drop-in hours to develop course SLOs for your discipline.

The SLO Committee is holding a series of SLO workshops that will be addressing the recent accreditation recommendations regarding SLOs. The SLO Committee Chairs recently hosted a course SLO training session for Division Chairs, Curriculum Committee Members, and area deans. One of the main goals of this session was to train attendees who will serve as resources to faculty in their area who are developing course SLOs. All SLO participants at this training session received a booklet to help facilitate their future meetings. See the information on the reverse page under SLO and Easy: SLO Tips for a link to the booklet.

Please look for the schedule for ongoing Course SLO development workshops, “SLOs Back to the Basics: Course SLOs” on the SLO webpage. These workshops are designed for larger groups of faculty to develop course SLOs. Division chairs will need to identify faculty who will attend these important hands-on workshops, and email those names to Todd Matosic so that he can prepare customized worksheets for the specific courses needing SLOs to be developed.

Faculty will be given the course objectives from the Course Outline of Record to refer to when creating course SLOs. They will also be mapping these new course SLOs to the Program SLOs for their discipline and to Institutional SLOs. Faculty will also identify assessment methods and assign criterion levels to them. This work will be completed and documented on a worksheet - an SLO Addendum - that will be given to faculty engaged in this work.

Upcoming Events

SLO Hours - Drop in for assistance in developing your course SLOs. SLO Hours start October 1.

Mondays and Wednesdays | 1:00-3:00 pm | CE-226

Feel free to contact Todd Matosic (4213) to schedule another time convenient for you.

SLO Committee 1:00-2:30 | Oct 25 | Nov 22
SLO Workgroup 1:00-2:00 pm | Oct 1 | Oct 15 | Nov 5 | Nov 19 | Dec 3

Curriculum Committee 1:00-3:00 pm | Oct 17 | Oct 31 | Nov 14 | Nov 28 | Dec 12
The SLO Coordinator has set weekly Wednesday meetings to work with the Science Division through October to complete work on program assessments. Biology and Chemistry are now completed leaving Geography, Geology and Physics to still be assessed.

Todd Matosic is scheduling meetings with Division chairs now. If you are a chair that is holding a meeting in the coming weeks please make sure to include time to discuss the need for course SLO development.

Please also stay tuned for further workshops and resource material related to student learning outcomes assessment.

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The SLO Committee reports to the Academic Senate through the Curriculum Committee.

The SLO Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from 1 to 2:30 pm in Winlock.

SLO News can also be accessed online at www.wlac.edu/slo .

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