SLOAC Minutes of September 14th, 2018

Present (in alphabetical order by last name): Lynette Apen, Vicki Brewster, Bob Brown, Brad Carothers, Yazmin Duarte, Frank Espinoza, Victor Garza, Elaine Kafle, Abdie Tabrizi, Jovita Valdez, Sithparran Vanniasegaram (Recorder)

The meeting was held in the Mishra Room and was called to order by Brad at 10:33 am.

1) Public Comment
Abdie suggested that we move the starting time from 10:30 to 10:00 because he has a class at 12:15 and has office hours before then. Brad will check with Yesenia to see if this is alright. Members including Abdie and Yazmin complimented Jovita on her PDD breakout session. Victor announced that he will be stepping down from SLOAC. Everyone present expressed appreciation to Victor for all his contributions to SLOAC over the past few years.

2) Approval of Minutes
Bob moved to approve the minutes, Vicki seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved by everyone at the meeting.

3) Volunteers for Taking Minutes for Fall Semester
Parran will serve as the minute-taker for the SLOAC meetings for the Fall semester.

4) Formal Appreciation for Video and Award Presentation at PDDay
Brad thanked all the employees who were part of the video and award presentation at PDDay. Bob added that several people came up to him and Melody Barta to give positive comments about the video. Brad believes that the video has generated more interest in SLOs.

5) Deactivate Course Issue Update
Brad reminded the group that course deactivation is faculty driven. He added that at the first Academic Senate meeting, Randy mentioned SLOs at four different times. It is great that the Senate and Union leadership are now placing more emphasis on SLOs. Ultimately, the goal is that the SLOs for 100% of the courses are assessed.

6) ILO Assessment
Brad gave credit to Raniyah Johnson, Marjorie Clark, and David Hendricks for helping him with ILO Assessment. Abdie commented that Victor did a couple surveys and was under the impression that we were going to do that every year. Lynette responded that survey data was
pulled from the 2016 CCSSE report and she plans on working with Hazel De Ausen to do the same thing with the 2018 CCSSE report. Brad felt that it was a great idea to highlight the new work done with CCSSE. Frank remarked that is would be better to survey students earlier in the semester and Brad then asked Lynette why we don’t survey students earlier in the semester. Lynette answered that it’s not in her control as she receives the surveys mid-semester.

7) CurriQunet Update
We can do course SLOs on CurriQunet, but we are still unable to do PLOs. CurriQunet hasn’t done anything for Student Services. Brad said that either we just do courses or CurriQunet or we roll out everything at once. Abdie inquired about when we can do PLOs and Brad responded that no timeline has been given. Elaine suggested giving CurriQunet a deadline, but Brad said that’s not possible. Vicki and Jovita remarked that CurriQunet now has some competition: Elumin, Starfish, and TracDat are all vying to serve colleges. We may consider other options as CurriQunet has been slow to make updates.

8) Disaggregation Assessment
For the purposes of accreditation, Brad suggested disaggregating SLO data the following ways: face-to-face vs. online, full semester vs. briefer course length, and day vs. evening. Parran volunteered to disaggregate data for Math 063. Because of our recent disaggregation work as a college, we went from a “compliance” recommendation to an “improvement” recommendation.

9) Reports to Deans and VP of Instruction
Brad reminded us that course assessment is only at 61% and which courses are the problems. We have the momentum and now is the time to try to solve this problem. Parran said that at a recent Math department meeting, they looked at a list of five Math courses which were not completely assessed. Two of the five courses hasn’t been offered in a few years, one of the courses has never been offered, one of the courses has only been taught by an adjunct, and one of the courses has been taught by a full-timer and has not been updated. Each course was addressed by the department. Parran suggested that every department on campus go through a similar process.

10) Email to President Aytch
Brad proposed a paid SLO workshop for adjuncts to President Aytch and the President responded in favor of the idea. Frank suggested we draft a plan and present it to the President.
on September 25th. We will first identify which courses are only taught by adjunct instructors and then pay those adjunct instructors. After the meeting, the lists of adjunct-only courses will be presented at the Deans’ meeting. Frank said that we need to start deactivating courses soon. Vicki remarked that Randy has already deactivated several of the PE courses. Jovita added we need to make sure that the courses we deactivate are not connected to a degree or to create a substitution. Lynette concluded the discussion by stating that for the Accreditation Midterm Report in 2020, 100% or close to 100% of our courses need to be assessed.

11) Review Committee Charge
Our goal is to have the SLOs for 100% of our active courses assessed. Brad jokingly suggested that we also improve upon our SLOAC video at the next PDD.

12) Meeting Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.