SLOAC Minutes of October 12th, 2018

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

The meeting was held in the Mishra Room and was called to order by Brad at 10:09 am.

1) Public Comment
There was no public comment.

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

3) Update of 100% compliance of SLO assessment
Brad created a simple three-step process for each Division to follow to ensure that all Divisions would have 100% of their courses in full compliance. SSHAPE is only one of the four Divisions to follow this process and Brad believes they are heading towards 100% compliance. The other three Divisions (MSE, Language Arts, and Business and Workforce) have decided not to follow that process. MSE and Language Arts are using their own process. They have provided SLOAC a list of courses that were not in compliance and what they have done to address each course. Business and Workforce has not yet provided such a list.

Payment for adjuncts was discussed. The Academic Senate recently announced that adjuncts will be paid for their SLO work. President Aytch is willing to set aside $10,000 for SLO work; Brad emphasized that we should be careful about how we spend that money. A biology adjunct faculty member said that they worked for 4.5 hours on SLO assessment and SLOAC is only willing to pay for up to two hours of work. Brad said that if his process was followed, then the adjunct probably wouldn't have needed 4.5 hours to complete the SLO work. Because of the additional time, the college will be spending more money than they need to. This is an example of a problem that occurred as a result of MSE using their own process. Also, the Language Arts Division informed Brad earlier in the week that adjuncts will not be paid for their SLO work (in spite of the recent announcement made by the Academic Senate).

After Brad expressed concern that the SLO assessment process (which has clearly worked for SSHAPE) was not followed by other Divisions, Lynette responded that we shouldn't be too focused on the fact that MSE and Language Arts are using their own processes. More of the
focus should be on the outcome (100% SLO compliance) and those Divisions still have a chance to get to that outcome. For example, the MSE Dean has a clear plan in place to ensure that all courses are in compliance. If the plan works out, then we have another approach that can be used to ensure SLO compliance. If the plan doesn’t work out, then that is the fault of the MSE Division and not SLOAC.

Parran gave the group a handout which was created by the MSE Dean. The handout was a list of courses that were not in compliance and what was being done to address each course. Three of the courses on the list are ENGT-150, ENGT-151, and ENGT-152. Abdie remarked that those courses have never offered.

Finally, the Academic Senate currently seems to be completely behind SLO assessment. Brad reported that Academic Senate President Randy Pratt gave a three-minute speech about the importance of SLO assessment during a recent Senate meeting.

4) CurriQunet Update
There has been no new information from CurriQunet.

5) Disaggregation Assessment Reminder
For accreditation purposes, Brad reminded the group that for some courses we need to disaggregate our SLO data. Lynette mentioned that she will be bringing CCSEE data to our next meeting.

6) Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held on October 26th.

7) Meeting Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.