SLOAC Minutes of March 22nd, 2019

Present (in alphabetical order by last name): Joanna Arroyo, Bob Brown, Brad Carothers, Frank Espinoza, Fahmida Fakruddin, Jacqueline Honda, Elaine Kafle, Poonam Khare, Abdie Tabrizi, Sithparran Vanniasegaram (Recorder)

The meeting was held in the Gullo I conference room and was called to order by Elaine at 10:05 am.

1) Announcements
Since Elaine is now the Co-Chair of SLOAC, the Nursing Division now needs a representative. The new representative of the Nursing Division is Poonam Khare. Joanna Arroyo was recently selected as Co-Chair of SLOAC and has been assisting Elaine since being named to that position.

2) Approval of Agenda
Elaine moved to approve the agenda, Brad seconded, and everyone unanimously approved the agenda.

3) Updated Data For Courses/Programs Still Non-Compliant
Elaine passed around a handout which summarized the work that has been done on PLO’s this semester. Elaine commented that Joanna has been assisting her with this work. This semester, a SSHAPE PLO and two Business and Workforce PLO’s have been assessed. However, there is still much more work that needs to be done. The BIM PLO has not been completed and will not be completed anytime soon. Abdie mentioned that the issue with the BIM PLO is that we haven’t offered some of the courses associated with the BIM SLO. Frank added that there are no full-timers for BIM. Abdie also stated that there was an attempt to combine CADD and BIM together. So far, approximately 60% of our PLO’s have been addressed. Since this percentage is rather low, Frank suggested that we give an explanation for it.

After showing the handout for PLO compliance, Elaine discussed the handout for SLO compliance. The percentage of courses assessed in the Language Arts Division is lower compared to the other Divisions. Elaine mentioned that in the Language Arts Division, they are hesitant to deactivate courses because they may need the courses later. Given our high percentage for SLO assessment, Frank suggested that we give a slightly stricter definition for SLO assessment. There was a discussion about this issue, but we decided to keep our current
definition. Brad commented that our adjunct faculty deserve a lot of the credit when it comes to the huge progress we have made on SLO assessment this year.

4) SLO Matrices
Elaine suggested we add authors for SLO matrices. That way, we know who to contact if a matrix needs to be updated. As a previous SLO Chair, Brad agreed with Elaine’s idea. Parran added that in the Math department, a list is circulated around each semester mapping courses with the faculty member responsible for the assessment. Frank asked if the list only consisted of full-timers and Parran responded that one of the courses (Math 052) was the responsibility of an adjunct faculty member. Brad stated another benefit of having departmental coordinators is that SLO work is more likely to get done.

5) Telephone/Audiovisual meeting with CurriQunet liaison: Update
Natalie from CurriQunet mentioned that the sandbox is working. Abdie brought up the importance of 508 compliance and asked if we could ensure that CurriQunet was 508 compliant for PLO and SLO assessment. Jackie responded that she wasn’t sure if this was possible. Abdie mentioned 508 compliance because he tried using the Cengage website for his online course. The District rejected the Cengage website due to the fact that it was not 508 compliant.

6) Next SLOAC Meeting
The next SLOAC meeting will be held in the Gullo I conference room on Friday, April 12th.

7) Adjournment of Meeting
The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.