SLOAC Minutes of October 26th, 2018

Present (in alphabetical order by last name): Bob Brown, Brad Carothers, Frank Espinoza, Elaine Kafle, Abdie Tabrizi, 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
Parran announced that there will be an Adobe Acrobat Pro workshop held from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm in LE-228 on November 9th. Elaine reminded the group about the “Celebration of Life for Mark Newton”, which will be held at 11:00 on November 2nd at San Jose City College. Mark Newton was a former AFT-6157 President.

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

3) Update of 100% compliance of SLO assessment
Brad went over two handouts that summarized each Division’s progress when it comes to SLO assessment. Brad mentioned in the agenda that no Division is at 100%, but Elaine noted that the Nursing Division was actually at 100%. The SSHAPE Division has made a lot of progress this school year when it comes to SLO assessment. Only six SSHAPE courses are currently projected to be non-compliant. The number was much larger last year. Part of the reason for the improvement is that there are several courses in the Kinesiology Department that have been deactivated.

Parran mentioned that he recently communicated with the instructors responsible for the five MSE courses on the list. He was informed that they have worked or are working to ensure that the courses are deactivated and/or have their SLOs assessed. There are still 48 Business and Workforce courses on the list. Abdie stated part of the problem is that many of the courses are tied to a grant and we can’t deactivate those courses. There are still some ESL courses on the list. Some ESL adjunct instructors have expressed to Brad that they give the data to the full-timers, but those instructors have not inputted the data into the matrix.
One of the PLOs that have been not assessed is for General Studies with Emphasis in Natural Science. An issue for that program is that there are no required courses. Students can take up to eighteen different courses and that is too many courses to assess. Frank suggested that we identify the four most common courses that students take in that area and conduct assessments for those courses. Abdie proposed a General Studies degree for the entire college instead of several General Studies programs.

Some divisions have not followed SLOAC’s plan for 100% SLO compliance. With the Language Arts Division’s decision not to pay adjuncts, Brad felt that an equity issue was created: some adjuncts at our college will be paid for their SLO work and some adjuncts will not. So far, we have only paid instructors for thirteen hours of work. We have currently spent a lot less than the $10,000 that President Aytch set aside for us. Brad is scheduled to meet with the President on November 6th to discuss SLO compliance.

4) ILO Assessment
There have been no recent updates.

5) Course Deactivation Project
Brad informed the group that Vicki recently submitted a list of courses for deactivation.

6) Disaggregation Assessment Reminder
Brad reminded the group about disaggregation.

7) Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held on November 9th.

8) Meeting Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.