SLOAC Minutes of December 8th, 2017

Present (in alphabetical order by last name): Bob Brown, Frank Espinoza, Elaine Kafle, Abdie Tabrizi, Frank Tello, Janice Toyoshima, Sithparran Vanniasegaram (Recorder)

The meeting was held in room LE-214 and was called to order by Abdie at 10:30 am.

1. Approval of Minutes
Bob motioned to approve the minutes and Elaine seconded. Five people then voted to approve the minutes and two people abstained.

2. ILO Assessment / CCSEE Analysis
For the issues that EVC students deemed to be the most serious ones facing their community (poverty, depression, stress and anxiety, cancer, high textbook costs, pollution), Parran read over the papers from Brad’s class that mentioned those issues. He shared ideas that students had for helping to solve those problems. For the issue of poverty, the idea was for EVC students to volunteer with Sunday Friends. For depression, the idea was to create a support group. For stress and anxiety, the idea was to require EVC students to meet with a counselor once a week. For cancer, the idea was for students to donate to Cancer Survivors’ Fund and CancerCare.org. For high textbook costs, the idea was to have a donation drop box. Frank T said that some of his students also mentioned the issues above. Abdie added that for the issue of pollution, he would address it in his engineering classes. He also said that many students aren’t aware of services on campus that address the issues from the students’ papers. Bob reminded the group that the purpose behind this work was that EVC was weakest in community involvement for the CCSEE Analysis. Abdie commented that the 245 students who participated in the survey was a good sample size.

3. CurriCUNET Update
We won’t be able to use CurriCUNET for SLO assessment purposes until February at the earliest. Janice remarked that CurriCUNET has not been satisfactory in many respects. We may have to explore other alternatives in the future. Abdie mentioned that at SJCC, TracDat is used for SLO assessment. Parran commented that some members of the math department were struggling with downloading the matrices from the SLO website. Abdie responded by saying that there were videos already made demonstrating how to do this.

4. The PLO Completion Problem
Abdie stated that we are having issues motivating faculty to participate in PLO work. This is why Parran thought it would be a good idea to have a contest between the Divisions to see which Division made the most progress on PLO work. Brad spent some time working on a rubric for the contest since the last SLOAC meeting. Bob commented that there needed to be a reward for the Division that wins the contest. Parran suggested that lunch be provided for the winner.
Elaine proposed that the prize be a massage certificate. Abdie said that the contest should be announced at PDD and that Brad should make a recommendation to the President before then. We will tally the results during one of the SLOAC meetings in the Spring 2018 semester.

5. Discuss progress on 2017 / 18 goals as well as progress on issues from 2016 / 2017
Abdie recommended that different departments present about their SLO work during the Spring 2018 Division meetings. For example, for the MSE Division, the engineering department could present during one meeting, the chemistry department could present during another meeting, etc.

6. Ideas for Spring Workshops
Parran commented that many people attended the SLO session during PDD last Spring. Unfortunately, very few faculty members attend the other SLO workshops during the semester. Frank E mentioned that different faculty members have different levels of familiarity when it comes to SLO assessment. Because of this, the SLO workshops don’t address the needs of all the faculty members. Frank suggested having separate SLO workshops for novice faculty members and experienced faculty members. Bob added that due to mass retirements, there will be many new faculty members who will need to learn about SLO assessment. Elaine suggested that we give cookies at our workshops instead of pizza. Abdie asked when would be a good time for the workshops and Parran said Friday mornings. Janice agreed with this suggestion. Abdie said that he would work on new videos for SLO, PLO, and ILO assessment and Parran and Elaine volunteered to help.

7. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am.