



Outcomes Assessment Work
Group (OAW)
MINUTES
Friday, January 17, 2020
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm, ZOOM

Members Present: Nita Gopal, Amy Carnahan-Cook, Gagandeep Dhaliwal, Troy Gravatt, Kate Hey, Sukhvir Kaur, Rebecca Reyes

- **Checking assessments in eLumen:** We checked the status of fall 2019 assessments division by division; after January 31, Nita will approach the deans (the last line of support) to help with sending messages to courses that have assessments with no data.
- **Proposal regarding PLO assessments:** Nita presented the idea that though we currently map CLOs to PLOs (indirect assessment), programs could also try assessing their PLOs directly by creating a common test for the PLOs, executing the test, scoring it, and discussing the output. With indirect assessments, the school gets a bird's eye view of student skills whereas with direct assessments, the school could get a much closer look (or a worm's eye view) of student skills.
- **SLO-Symposium, February 7 and 8 (Information):** Rebecca Reyes, Amy Carnahan-Cook, Rhonda Campbell, and Nita Gopal are attending the symposium in Monterey. They'll bring back notes and share with the group at the next OAW meeting. Nita shared with the group her presentation topic, which is as follows:

Title of Presentation: Heart of the SLO Matter: Data? No, It's Alignment.

Presentation Description:

Would you like your SLO assessments to serve as a meaningful source of information? If so, this breakout session might be the one for you. In this presentation, we'll explore the potential of SLO assessments by designing learning units in which the alignment of essential elements (such as outcome statements, assessments, learning activities and instructional strategies) is predominant, thus creating a useful template that results in meaningful measurement of SLOs.

- **About exiting the Coordinator position:** Nita shared with the group that she's missing being in the classroom and will return to classes in fall 2020. She also said that she has notified the Academic Senate President, Vice President, and the VPI of her decision
- **Questions from reps:** Some OAW reps had questions on certain functions of the database, and these were answered and/or noted so that issues could be resolved.
- **If reps want to try integration:** As time permitted, some reps wanted to see how the integration option between eLumen and Canvas functions. Nita showed them the steps. Kate reflected on the complications of it and that it might be easier on faculty to simply login, check boxes, and sign out. Nita agreed, mentioning that the integration method was for more advanced users, and there were pros and cons for each method: With the easier method of logging in, entering data, and logging out, faculty often wonder about the use of it all; with the integration method, though it requires a few extra steps, a teacher can get a deeper sense of students' grades and achievement of skills as both can be made visible in Canvas. This method could be more insightful.

- **SLO labs and other starting next week:** Nita shared plans for SLO labs and workshops and said that she would send an announcement soon. Below is the plan through January 31. These will be in Founders Hall 236, but it's best to look for confirmation announcements coming via email.

January 22	Wednesday	4:00 to 5:00 pm
January 24	Friday	4:00 to 5:00 pm
January 27	Monday	4:00 to 5:00 pm
January 29	Wednesday	4:00 to 5:00 pm
January 31	Friday	4:00 to 5:00 pm

Nita also mentioned that she's planning some workshops for the semester on the following topics:

- Applying SLOs to teaching
 - Creating SLOs for each unit
 - Alignment of SLOs, Assessments, Rubrics, Learning Activities, and Instructional Strategies
 - Using the data in reports
 - Preparing for assessments and Importing scores from Canvas
 - Backwards Design (Amy's suggestion)
- The meeting ended at 2:00 p.m.