

Diablo Valley College SLO Newsletter

WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON OUR SLOS—WHAT DO WE DO NOW?



In mid–October 2008 the accreditation team will visit DVC. One area the team will be reviewing is evidence of our completing full SLO assessment cycles for our courses, programs, and general education.

The Process

Keep in mind that SLOs are living documents—an ongoing process. The process we are trying to integrate throughout our institution is to

- Identify 3–5 **measurable** SLOs. For courses, you may use the measurable objectives from your course outlines; for programs, use program goals.
- Identify and develop at least one assessment method for each outcome, along with rubrics if needed.
- Establish a realistic criteria level for each outcome.
- Conduct the assessments, collect the data from all of the DVC faculty/staff participating, analyze the data, and share the results with your colleagues.
- If changes need to be implemented, create a plan of action then **DO IT** to close the loop.
- When a cycle is completed, submit a summary report to the Planning, Research, and Student Outcomes Office (Judy Foster).

What Evidence Will the Accreditation Team Be Looking For?

The evidence is the **use** of the results of your SLO assessments and implementation of any modifications you have made to your teaching, student services offered, procedures . . . all elements that affect student learning. What changes have you implemented that will help the students reach the expected criteria levels and improve their learning?

Having the SLOs and assessment methods identified and setting criteria levels isn't enough! What have you done **after** you have collected and analyzed the SLO assessments?

The implementation phase (closing the loop) is critical because it will show what your department or unit is doing to improve student learning—assess, review, implement changes, assess once more.

What Do We Do Next?

If you have not yet submitted your SLO templates to the Planning, Research, and Student Outcomes office, please do so by February 7. We want to ensure that the SLO information included in our accreditation report is accurate and up-to-date, and the final draft is now being written by each of the subcommittees.

If you have completed an assessment cycle, submit a Summary Report. A suggested outline for the summary report is included in the document library on the SLO SharePoint site (see attachment).

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Foster at Ext. 2667, jfoster@dvc.edu.
