Natural Science Division

Division SLO Committee Meeting

October 20, 2015

1 pm, LS 108

Present: T. James Noyes (Jim Noyes), Margret Steinberg, Ryan Turner

The SLO Facilitator, Jim Noyes, discussed the status of SLO reports due by the third week of the fall semester 2015. All reports have been filed, or deferred and the timeline amended, except for one: Astronomy 12.

Jim Noyes reminded faculty to carefully review their timelines on professional development day (formerly known as flex day) prior to the beginning of each semester and assign a “lead” faculty for each course. A number of problems resulted from faculty not realizing they were the lead faculty for assessment of a course or incorrectly assuming that there was a mistake on the timeline (and not notifying the SLO Facilitator so it could be corrected).

Follow-ups to SLO reports were discussed. Margaret Steinberg asked about the due date for Follow-ups. Jim Noyes noted that Follow-ups are due 1 year after the SLO report was filed. For example, if an SLO was assessed last spring (spring 2014), the SLO report was submitted last fall (fall 2014), so the Follow-Up is due by the end of the fall 2015 semester. Jim Noyes noted that Follow-ups do not need to be long: just a paragraph or two describing the actions that have been taken. No detailed data needs to be provided. Anecdotes and impressions on how a teaching strategy is working are satisfactory.

Jim Noyes will send out the “how to guide” for Follow-ups again soon, along with an example Follow-up.

Submitted by Noyes