

**Natural Science Division
SLO Committee
Minutes of October 20, 2009**

Attendees: Jim Noyes, Nancy Freeman, Amy Grant, Jean Shankweiler, S. Vincent Lloyd, Margaret Steinberg, Susana Prieto

ALC Report

Jean distributed the agenda from the ALC Committee meeting on October 12. The major topics of discussion were planning the activities for the Assessment of Student Learning week (Nov 2-6) and the mini-Conference on Friday, November 6. In addition, the college will be assessing the Core Competencies next year. The first competency to be assessed will be Communications.

Division Summary/Timelines

The SLO reports sent to each department by Jenny Simon were distributed and examined. Most of the NS departments have already submitted a program level slo, and so have met the goal for the school. There are only about 5 classes in the division that need an slo statement by the end of the semester. A number of classes still need to be assessed this semester. Overall, the division is in very good shape with our slo statements and assessments.

Assessment of Student Learning Week

The Assessment of Student Learning week will be November 2-6, 2009. Jean explained that the ASL week will consist of campus-wide activities on Monday and Tuesday. Some activities will be planned for the Compton Center. The divisions are responsible for planning activities for the divisions on Wednesday and/or Thursday. The mini conference will be on Friday. Nancy Freeman suggested we have our session focus on the program-level assessments that have been completed and filling out the report that is needed. We can also offer an option to plan for the program assessment that needs to be done in spring, for those departments that have not completed their program assessments. It was decided to invite all participants to one room and then to break out based on individual needs. The division session will be on Thursday, November 5 at 1pm. Jean will summarize our discussion and send it to Jenny Simon for approval.

Other

The SLO committee meeting on Tuesday, November 17 will be cancelled. Jean has a conflict.

It was suggested we contact Jenny to update the department mailing lists. Some people were omitted. Jean will contact Jenny.

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