

SOLANO COLLEGE ASSESSMENT NEWS



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STAY TUNED FOR A NEW ADJUNCT PAY FORM

The contract that was passed last academic year changed the pay formula for adjunct SLO work. Rather than 7 hours devoted exclusively to SLO assessment, the 7 hours now can be divided among SLOs and other professional development or attendance at school meetings. A new form to record hours is being developed. Deans, rather than the assessment coordinator will sign the new forms. We will notify you when it is ready!

Welcome Back: Let's Assess and Map!

It is with gratitude and renewed commitment that the Assessment Committee embarks on a new year. There are two assessment goals that are central in the 2018-2019 academic year.

1) Assess all SLOs for all courses and input them into CurricUNET META.*

2) Programs map their SLOs to their PLOs through a program modification in CurricUNET META.

Why? First and foremost, assessment gives us the opportunity to look closely at the success of our students. We can reflect on the causal reasons behind their performance, examine our own teaching practices, and strategize how to support learning. Last year was spent inputting our SLOs into META, now we need to input assessments for those SLOs. With the goal of 100% of courses being assessed, please strategize with department faculty to determine which courses will be assessed in Fall 2018 and which will be assessed Spring 2019. Full-time faculty should assess at least 3 courses and adjunct faculty at least one. It is

ideal if multiple faculty can assess the same course as the basis for later dialogue about student learning. Instructions on how to input assessments are found on the SLO webpage:

<http://www.solano.edu/curriculum/1718/CCandTRMeetingSchedule201819.pdf> .

Accreditation requires that we not only assess our SLOs, but our program learning outcomes (PLOs) as well. They are intended to measure knowledge and skills students obtain at the time of program completion. Best measured in capstone or advanced courses, PLOs are assessed through examination of mastery level SLOs in those courses. In order to be ready to assess PLOs, faculty must collaborate to map course SLOs to their PLOs in CurricUNET META (this is done collaboratively once for each program, not repeatedly by individual faculty). It is our goal to get all program mapped this year so we can assess next year! Ideally, getting most complete before the November 1st, curriculum

committee catalog deadline. Doing so requires creating a program modification in META. The next newsletter will provide even more detail on getting the most out of your program modifications. The process of mapping SLOs to PLOs is detailed in the training materials found on the SLO webpage: <http://www.solano.edu/curriculum/1718/CCandTRMeetingSchedule201819.pdf>

School coordinators and the assessment coordinator will be supporting faculty through both of these processes. Please don't hesitate to ask for support, or invite us to a department meeting when you plan to work on them.

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*If your course SLOs haven't been inputted into CurricUNET META, this must happen before you can assess them. You can update them through a SLO only change proposal in META. SLO updates are made once for each course, not individually by each faculty member. If you are unsure if your course SLOs have been updated, you can go to the following link. Click the red course button, and choose your course <http://www.solano.edu/degrees/curriculum.php>. When you review the course outline of record, if the SLOs show up with success criteria and ILO links listed, you know they have been updated. If you have questions, contact amy.obegi@solano.edu or ext. 5045.

Thank you for your support with these processes. We appreciate the work you do for your students and for the college. Happy fall semester!