LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLO) COMMITTEE

Minutes
Thursday, 11/18/04

Present:
Djessica Harris, Loan Le, Eromo Kelbisow, Scott Thayer, Leige Henderson, Glenn Yoshida, Earnestine Thomas-Robertson, Linda Larson-Singer, Mary Gallagher

Absent:
Mara Bentley, Nouha Toure, Lisa Tousant, Dan Walden, Igor Daza, Allison Moore, Leticia Barajas, Marian Ruane, Jose Robledo

1. Welcome & Introductions
   Glenn Yoshida opened the meeting at 3:15 pm in the President’s Conference Room. No introductions were necessary.

2. Approval of Minutes
   The minutes of 11/4/04 meeting was reviewed and approved with no corrections (M/S/P).

3. Approval of Agenda
   The agenda was approved by consent with no further modifications.

4. Definition of Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)—Final Version
   A final version (2nd draft) of our definition of SLOs was discussed and minor corrections were made. We agreed that the definition is a “working” definition and will be subject to change. It now reads:
   
   *LASC SLOs are campus wide objectives that are achievable and measurable. Our SLOs represent knowledge, skills, and attitudes gained by students as a result of a college experience and should be assimilated into their life experiences and communities. These SLOs are reflective of mutual communication and are part of an on going planning process to improve learning among students, faculty, staff, and administration.*

   A suggestion was made to have our definition posted in large print during our meetings as a reminder and to keep SLOs in focus. We are “repackaging” and “rethinking” what we are already doing. Students need to demonstrate what they learned. What are student expectations on the first day of class?

5. Next Step: Assessment
   Once SLOs are developed, an appropriate assessment instrument will be needed to measure the desired outcomes. Different types of assessment were discussed. Policies regarding assessment can be developed and forwarded to the Academic Senate for adoption. We agreed that the college’s mission statement would be important as SLOs are developed and assessed.

6. Budget
   Possible sources of funding for SLO activities (e.g., minigrants) were discussed. The College Foundation, Staff Development ($20,000), Title 3, and fund-raising activities were suggested.

7. Student Representation
The need for additional student representation on the SLO Committee was discussed. The ASO and Athletics Department will be contacted. As an incentive, students could enroll in Independent Study (e.g., Sociology 285) and participate in college-wide committees. Service learning credit was also suggested. G. Yoshida will present this possibility at the next Department Chairs meeting.

8. **Update on Welcome Back Day**
   Dean Thayer announced the December 9 Welcome Back Day to take place in the Library foyer.

9. **Preparation for Next Meeting**
   As homework for the next meeting, members will share an SLO from their discipline/service area and an appropriate assessment tool to measure the desired outcome. Dan Walden will assist with a short presentation on assessment methodology.

10. **Other Items for Discussion**
    No new items were discussed.

11. **Adjournment**
    The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm. Dan Walden will bring refreshments to the next meeting on 12/2/04.

Respectively submitted by G. Yoshida