Outcomes Assessment Work Group
MINUTES
Friday, December 7, 2018
12:30 pm – 1:50 pm
(Online)

Members Present: Nita Gopal, Amy Carnahan-Cook, Yolande Petersen, Belen Robinson

Note: At this meeting, the agenda was general: Update + Q & A

Update (Nita):

IT has discovered a way to make data uploads easier. Now, there'll be weekly updated data files, which we can use to upload any time. This reminds me of what I didn't mention in the meeting--If there are classes that need summer data, we can now do summer uploads for them.
Very soon, we'll have someone to take the position Amanda vacated. That allows Nita to move from database-concentrated work to the "real" work with SLOs. In other words, we can explore the real potential of SLOs.
Nita is presenting on Jan 25 at the SLO symposium (Santa Ana) on "Presence, Perception, & Practicability of SLOs in each Learning Module of an LMS."
Usually, many Data-Entry labs used to be organized in the month of December, but Nita is letting that go because of the current climate. The hope is to rejuvenate and progress in the spring. I forgot to mention that we'll have data-entry labs in January as the target date for data entry is Jan 31.

Q & A:

Belen had a question about SLO statements in the department of Counseling, and we looked at those.

Yolande mentioned that the MATH department would look at SLO data in the spring. Nita mentioned that this is thrilling because there's much to learn from the techniques used by MATH experts.If MATH takes a lead, that would be the perfect scenario. There are many reports in eLumen, and some of them might be hundred and some pages, so it may be better to explore those reports first before placing any before the department for an analysis.

Amy mentioned that she has many questions as she tries to understand the whole SLO endeavor at our school. She's new and learning still. Nita mentioned that she's available for meetings and training with the Child-Development department and of course with Amy.

Amy also asked if we would continue with Canvas-eLumen integration in assessments, and Nita answered in the affirmative. She said that we'll refresh and renew in the spring, so the idea is to organize a series of meetings to explore the integration.

There was also a question about continuing our reading of the book--Using Evidence of Student Learning -- and Nita said that we could restart that in the spring. She would be posting notes on the chapters as we went along so that even those who hadn't had a chance to read could participate in the discussions.