Student Learning Outcomes

Analysis of Institutional Data of the Assessment of SLOs
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What Institutional Assessment Data Do We Have?

- Rubric Summaries for 3 Communication rubrics:
 - Individual Presentations
 - Group Presentations
 - Research Paper
- Rubric for Department SLO Presentations
 - 5 areas of WASC SLO Assessment Requirements

What questions can be answered?

- Where are ASCC students in regards to communication skills?
- What are the areas of strengths in communications?
- What are the areas in need of improvement in communications?
- What can be done at the departmental or program level to improve assessment of SLOs
- How can we better use and analyze assessment data to strengthen SLO achievement?

Communication Skills

- Individual Presentations (speaking)
 - Most students score in the accomplished area for all areas
 - Students score higher in the areas of organization and elocution
 - Students score lower in the areas of mechanics, graphics, and eye contact

Communication Skills

- Group Presentation (speaking, writing, reading)
 - Most student groups score in the exemplary area
 - Groups score higher in the areas of appearance, content, and subject knowledge
 - Groups score lower in the area of group work and time management

Communication Skills

- Research Paper (Speaking, writing, reading)
 - Most students score in the accomplished area
 - Students score higher in the areas of content and resources
 - Students score lower in the areas of writing format, language structure, and organization

- Defining Expected Student Learning Outcomes
 - All departments defined expected student learning outcomes
 - Most departments defined both program SLOs and course SLOs
 - Few departments showed only program SLOs and no course SLOs

Defining Assessment of Expected SLOs

- All departments defined institutional assessment of SLOs
- Most departments defined assessment of course SLOs
- Some departments defined both program and course assessment of SLOs
- Two departments did not define course assessment of SLOs

- Assessing Student Learning Outcomes
 - Most departments identified institutional assessment instruments / methods
 - Some departments identified department assessment instruments / methods
 - Some departments identified course /instructor assessment instruments / methods

- Analyzing the Results of Assessment
 - Most departments have some form of analysis of data
 - Some departments presented course and program analysis of data
 - Few departments presented minimal analysis of SLO assessment data

- Planning and Implementing Changes to pedagogy, facilities, etc. to improve learning
 - Most presentations included recommendations for changes
 - Some presentations did not link SLO assessment data to the implemented changes
 - Some department presentations linked SLO assessment data to student achievement data

Overall recommendations

- Departments need to identify course SLOs and program SLOs
- Departments need to identify assessment instruments and methods
- Departments need to USE data through analysis to make changes toward improvements