

Narrative of Events

- **10/05/2006:** Academic Senate passes resolution 2006 – 07 establishing the creation of a General Education Outcomes Committee (GEOC) on campus.
- **3/20/2007:** First meeting of GEOC under leadership of Coordinator Jemma Blake – Judd.
- **5/18/2007 – 5/23/2007:** Five members of GEOC attend a conference in Rhode Island on General Education given by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. The attendees were Jemma Blake-Judd, SLO Coordinator & English faculty member; Virginia Burley, Dean, Instruction; Barbara McNeice-Stallard, Director, Research and Institutional Effectiveness; Priyadarshini Chaplot, Educational Research Assessment Analyst; Joseph Terreri, Mathematics faculty member (soon to be GEO Coordinator).
- **5/31/2007:** Academic Senate endorses changes proposed by GEOC to the Mt. SAC General Education Philosophy for publication in 2007 – 2008 College Catalog.
- **9/06/2007:** Academic Senate endorses GEOC Purpose and Function Statement.
- **9/18/2007:** First meeting of GEOC under leadership of new General Education Outcomes (GEO) Coordinator Joe Terreri and co-chair Barbara McNeice-Stallard, Director of Research and Institutional Effectiveness. The Committee agreed that a main first task will be to formally establish General Education Outcomes (GEOs) at Mt. SAC using significant faculty input. Future meetings will convene on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.
- **10/26/2007:** The Top Four Goals for GEOC for 2007/2008 were agreed upon by the Committee. These were: 1. The Committee will come to consensus on what the GEOs initiative is about and how we will proceed with implementation. Timelines will be established based on this. 2. Communication efforts to the campus community will be made as the Committee comes to conclusions. For faculty, there will be an increase in understanding of both Mt. SAC general education requirements and the GEOs initiative. 3. The Committee will develop

an assessment strategy for GEOs. 4. The Committee will establish GEOs using significant faculty input.

- **11/05/2007:** First campus communication sent out to all Mt. SAC employees in both electronic and paper form. This message introduced the GEOs initiative and outlined the role of the Campus Community in the task of establishing GEOs at Mt. SAC.
- **11/19/2007:** A survey sent out to all Mt. SAC employees in both electronic and paper form. The purpose of the survey was to get input from the campus community to help establish GEOs for Mt. SAC.
- **2/14/2008:** A letter to the campus community from President John Nixon emphasizes the importance of the GEOs initiative for our next comprehensive accreditation review in 2010.
- **2/22/2008:** Flex Day presentation on GEOs solicits further input from attendees to help establish GEOs for Mt. SAC.
- **3/18/2008:** GEOC agrees on proposed GEOs for Mt. SAC for presentation to the campus community for further input prior to formal submission to the Academic Senate for approval. This proposal was generated using responses from faculty and staff to the campus-wide survey and input generated at the Flex Day presentation. The open-ended input was extensively reviewed and coded by multiple raters to arrive at a consensus list that reflected the breadth of input received to date.
- **3/25/2008:** Proposed GEOs presented as an information item at Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting.
- **3/28/2008:** GEOs Coordinator and the two research members of the committee attend a day long conference attended by Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) Coordinators from across the State regarding issues they are facing. Mt. SAC SLO Coordinator, Darrow Soares, hosts this event.
- **4/03/2008:** GEO Coordinator proposed GEOs as an information item to the Academic Senate.
- **4/04/2008:** Proposed GEOs presented to the campus community in both electronic and paper form. GEOs website launched in conjunction with this

communication. The website included an electronic discussion forum on the proposed GEOs.

- **4/07/2008:** Communication sent to all Career Technical Education Department Chairs and the Director of Career and Transfer Services regarding the proposed GEOs for Mt. SAC. Individuals contacted were asked to forward materials related to this issue to our local businesses and community stakeholders to give them an opportunity to comment on the proposed GEOs as they deemed appropriate.
- **4/08/2008:** The GEO Coordinator gave a presentation about the proposed GEOs to the Associated Students Senate to solicit their input.
- **4/18/2008, 4/22/2008:** Professional and Organizational Development (POD) sessions conducted soliciting further input on proposed GEOs.
- **5/01/2008:** First Reading of proposed GEOs for Mt. SAC made to Academic Senate.
- **5/07/2008:** Communication sent to all Mt. SAC Department Chairs regarding a coming POD session on an Assessment Plan for GEOs at Mt. SAC and the importance of faculty input into this Plan.
- **5/15/2008:** Academic Senate approves “Areas of GEOs” for Mt. SAC. POD session on an Assessment Plan for GEOs was conducted.
- **5/23/2008:** A survey sent out to all Mt. SAC employees in both electronic and paper form. A purpose of the survey was to determine the degree of understanding on campus about the GEOs initiative.
- **6/03/2008:** GEOC approves the use of the terms “GEO Zones” to replace “Areas of GEOs.” The Committee agreed on an Assessment Plan that will use the results of course level SLOs assessment in general education courses.