

General Education Outcomes Re-Imagined

Friday, Oct 18, 2013 Founder's Hall

- Welcome!
 - Irene Malmgren, Vice-President of Instruction

- Why are we here?
 - Please introduce yourself to the members at your table and share what brought you today!

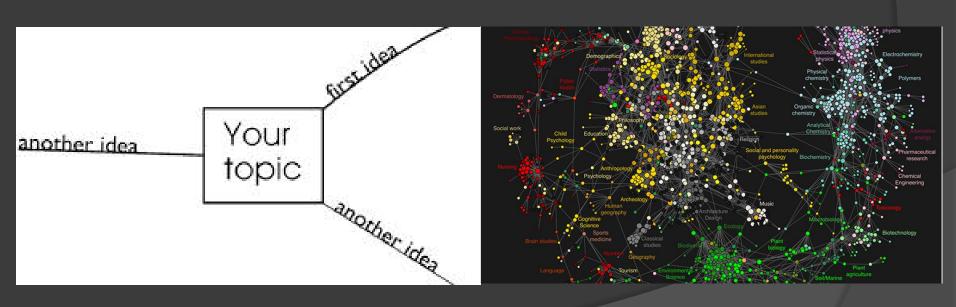
Goals

- As a premier College, we need to assess our general education process and make recommendations for improvement
- Also need to assess the quality of the work collected thus far
- The OC is hoping that we can make the process more streamlined and more robust

A brief history of GEO process

- 2006-07, with the paper "Recommendation for Implementation of GE Outcomes at Mt. San Antonio College"
- 2008, AS Resolution directed the GEO Committee
 - Create a plan & timeline to monitor, facilitate, document and <u>evaluate the process</u> and assessment of GEOs, course-level outcomes, and <u>use of results</u>
- 2009, AS passed our "GEO Plan: 2009-12"

- Activity #1 Map our current process
 - At your table, take 10 minutes to create a logic map (mind map) of the current GEO process using the paper and pens provided



- Let's take 5 minutes to explain our presentations
- In creating the map, did tables have difficulty understanding/recreating/remembering any part of the process? Please explain.
- Other thoughts?

What is the current process?

- Departments assess GEOs, collect the data and create the use of results
- Every 4 years, content areas convene to
 - Review the information <u>in Areas</u>, discuss what has been learned, & make recommendations for improvement
 - A Communications and English
 - B The Physical Universe and Life
 - C Arts and Humanities
 - D US History & Social, Political, and Economic Institutions
 - E Lifelong Learning

- Activity #2 Evaluate current work
 - Look for the stack of white papers
 - You will have data on just one area (ex. Area A)
 - Please take 15 minutes to
 - Review the timeline, outcome, and rubric
 - Review the back of the sheet and the summary comments that were collected
 - Be prepared to share what you discovered
 - What was awesome & not awesome!

- What was awesome?
 - Area E stands out to the OC as an exemplar great meetings, unified goals, interdisciplinary conversations!
- Was anything troubling?
- Are good examples of learning and improvement present? Would else would you like to see?
- After reviewing both the process and a sample of the content, can this be done in a better way?

 Suggestion from the Coordinator and the OC – let's reexamine our "GE ZONES" or similar competencies as a model for our GEO future...

Examples

- Mt. SAC's GE Zones and a possible rubric
- Valencia College's approach
- Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP) and the AACU Value Rubrics
- Review the rubrics for 15-20 minutes and discuss
 - What would be a good fit?
 - Should we keep what we have and add something else?
 - Should we create our own new design?
 - Will changes work for <u>academic support</u> areas as well as <u>instruction</u>?

- What was awesome? ©
- Were you inspired by any of the examples?
- Might modification of our current process prove beneficial?

Next steps...

- As a table, pick 4-6 competencies for the College
- How would these be assessed in the areas represented?
- How often would your area/table like to review and discuss the results? (semester, annually, etc.)
- How can we continue to add value to this process?
- Please discuss and record the information on the yellow sheets.

Recapitulation

- Reviewed current GEO process
- Reviewed Area summaries and content
- Reviewed and assessed examples of other possibilities

Thank you!

- We will review the material prepared by tables and send out a recap of our work
- We will make recommendations to the Academic Senate or reconvene if further conversations are required
- Ria Mirchandani on a liberal education...