



Funding Request for Adjunct Involvement in Departmental SLO Activities

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Department: Psychology

Meeting date: Friday, August 21, 2015

Purpose of meeting: We plan to discuss SLO data collected during the Spring 2015 semester, begin discussion and form a department sub-committee to go over SLO mapping to PLOs and ILOs, as well as to discuss the use of instructional videos and other forms of technology in the classroom to increase student engagement. We would like to ensure the involvement of adjuncts in the process.

Number of faculty estimated to be in attendance: ~10-15 adjunct (this is a guess)

Meeting duration in hours: 2 hours

Describe in detail what will transpire at the meeting and why resources are required and submit to outcomes@mtsac.edu.

We plan to discuss SLO data collected during the Spring 2015 semester. This is part of the standard SLO assessments rotation plan we follow. We also plan to create a timeline and a plan for outcomes mapping, as well as create a department sub-committee to do the mapping of SLOs to PLOs and ILOs. We also intend to reiterate the things we mentioned at the last outcomes meeting (e.g., discuss the connection between course level SLOs and MOs on the CORs for our courses and remind faculty to include SLOs (& MOs) for their course(s) on their syllabi and connect material in the course (e.g., in an online setting) to SLOs). Because a new version of TracDat will be introduced earlier in the day, this is also an excellent opportunity to have dialogue about reporting, etc. We are hoping to include adjunct in the process as much as possible, since they teach the majority of the sections we offer.

Another aspect of this meeting will focus on other ways to engage students in the material we are teaching. This, of course, relates directly to outcomes, because ultimately, we are looking for ways to get our students to learn the material and one of the best ways is to make sure they are engaged, and we are approaching teaching content in new and exciting ways.

It is difficult to find the time in department meetings and since many of our adjunct are unable to attend our department meetings, we think it is important to hold this separate meeting to allow them to attend. Paying them will also motivate them to attend, hence this request for funding. In addition, we expect to have a new full time faculty member and this will be an excellent opportunity to introduce this individual to outcomes at Mt. SAC!