

## A Student Learning-Centered Institution

- ### Why?
- The new accreditation standards (as of 2002) now use the language of Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and Assessments.
  - SLOs and Assessments will improve teaching.
  - In one form or another, we are already implementing SLOs and Assessments; now, we will simply document it.

- ### My Role
- My Role as the Academic Success Coordinator for Cañada College is to facilitate and document the conversations about Student Learning Outcomes and Assessments.

- ### Student Learning Outcomes
- Knowledge, skills, abilities, and attitudes that a student has attained at the end (or as a result) of his or her engagement in a particular set of collegiate experiences.
  - Statements describing what you expect students to be able to do as a result of a learning activity.

- ### Assessments
- Methods that an institution employs to gather evidence and evaluate quality.
  - Assessment is the systematic collection of information about student learning and the use of that information to improve the learning and teaching process in the classroom, department and general education programs.

- ### Levels of SLO and Assessments
- Course Level
  - Program Level
  - Institutional Level
  - should be examined in the student services side

### Myths / Facts

- SLOs and Assessments are not fads that are riding on the wave of reform. They are being established by accrediting agencies and are here to stay.

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- SLOs and Assessments are not meant to examine style and techniques of the faculty. Rather, its implementation is for improving teaching and learning.

### Fact

- SLOs and Assessments discussions need to happen among faculty. Faculty are the experts in the fields they teach, and they should be the ones who are articulating the SLOs and finding ways to assess them.

### How will I perform my duties.

- Meet with individuals and departments to discuss SLOs and Assessments.
- Be a resource – (note that I am not an expert).
- Find, collect and share resources.
- Provide website and discussion forum.  
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