

**Willow International Center**  
**Program Review/Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee**  
**October 17, 2012**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**AC1-270**

Committee members present: Debbie Ikeda, Jim Chin, Carla Stoner-Brito, Julie Preston-Smith, Nancy Vagim, Jeff Burdick, Erik Fritz, Mike Stannard.

Program-review presenters present: Joe Libby, Diane Schoenburg, Steve Dent.

Joe Libby presented a PowerPoint on the WICCC history program. One focus of his report was the lack of basic skills in students taking history courses. He thinks this may account for the lower success and retention rates in history courses at WICCC compared to overall WICCC success and retention rates.

Diane Schoenburg presented the WICCC psychology report. She was able to write a psychology AA degree and get it approved last year. This will greatly facilitate transfer of Willow students to the CSUs, said Debbie Ikeda. Diane reported good progress in the use of SLOs to improve instruction. She argued for another full-time psychology instructor. She also expressed concern that the number of psychology SLOs was too high.

Steve Dent presented the WICCC Art report. One concern is that although many Willow students take art classes and in effect are Art majors, they don't sign up for the AA degree. (8.3% of Willow students are Art students.) The Art department will be able to add additional classes based on the transfer-model curriculum—this is an exciting prospect. The Art department plans to give photography classes Art course numbers. There is also a problem with photo journalism being classified as a career technical education course at FCC (which does not require the instructor to have an MA degree, which disqualifies them from teaching at Willow). Steve thinks Willow could get Perkins money for applied technology courses if they could offer courses like photo journalism.

Mike Stannard presented the WICCC program review for philosophy and addressed the feasibility of putting structures in place which will make it possible for students to succeed in classes only if they study six or more hours outside of class per week (for a 3-unit class). He also argued that the Reedley catalogue suggests that students who are not making sufficient progress in a course may be dropped for that reason as they may now be dropped for poor attendance. Jeff said the chancellor's office and the state academic senate are considering recommending removing the attendance requirement.

Erik Fritz conveyed the information, intended for dissemination by department chairs, that all timelines and mappings should be updated by November 30. He also reminded committee members of the importance of the naming convention for PR-SLO Committee documents, which is "PR-SLO [kind of document] YYYY-MM-DD;" e.g., "PR-SLO Minutes 2012-10-17."

The committee voted approval for Admissions and Records to move to Group IV for their Cycle III program review. Mike Stannard discussed program review with Veronica Jury, Debbie

Curtis, and Karen Ainsworth at Willow, and Lettie Alvarez at Reedley. They will submit first-semester nine-week reports by Friday, November 2, 2012. By the end of the Fall 2012 semester they will finish all first-semester requirements.

The committee approved the following schedule for the remainder of the semester: final drafts of WICCC PRs for Criminology, History, Philosophy, and Psychology will be due on November 9. The PR-SLO Committee will meet on Monday, November 26 to rate the degree of substantiation of recommendations for each of these programs.

Jeff reminded everyone that recommendations in the summary statements should include citations of the page numbers where the recommendations are substantiated.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Stannard