PAC Team Presentation



Provost's Assessment Committee (PAC) Fall Convocation 2018 University of Alaska Southeast

Introduction

Goal of the Provost's Assessment Committee

- Create a set of Learning Outcomes for the general education program
- Receive approval from faculty for the General Education Learning Outcomes (GELO) proposed by the committee
- Create a system of assessment for the approved GELOs

Process for reaching the PAC goals

- Attended training
- Following training worked in committee to create UAS specific Learning Outcomes for general education courses
- Proposed GELOs to Faculty Senate (FS)
- Received approval from FSfor UASGELOs
- Created rubrics for assessing artifacts from general education courses
- Completed a workshop with faculty testing the rubrics

Three Stages of Assessment Process

- 1. Selecting Learning Artifacts
- 2. Forming Assessment Teams
- 3. Conducting the Assessment Workshop

Stage 1: Selecting Learning Artifacts

- Selected two GELOs to assess in 1st year Effective Communication and Critical Thinking
- Solicited two learning artifacts per GELO from faculty
- Randomly selected 10 student work samples per learning artifact

Stage 2: Forming Assessment Teams

- Solicited faculty to participate in assessment workshop
- Created teams with four faculty volunteers and seven PAC team members

Effective Communication Team:

Andrea Dewees
Julie Hamilton
Richard Simpson
Math Trafton
Ali Ziegler

Critical Thinking Team:

Susan Andrews
Robin Gilcrist
Chris Hay-Jahans
Alberta Jones
Jonas Lamb
Colleen McKenna

Stage 3: The Assessment Workshop

- Time and location
- Scoring and Norming of Scores
- Practice document for scoring, using the rubrics
- Two slightly different assessment methods
 - Effective Communication group (consulted during each artifact assessment)
 - Critical Thinking group (consulted after each artifact was completely assessed)

Scoring and Norming Workshop Process

- Slight inconsistencies in scoring with indicators
 - Half points (1.5, 2.5, etc) with one group
 - Criteria cell met if at least one or two boxes were checked
- Pre-scoring practice and norming discussion was effective with each group prior to the official scoring based on consistency of scores

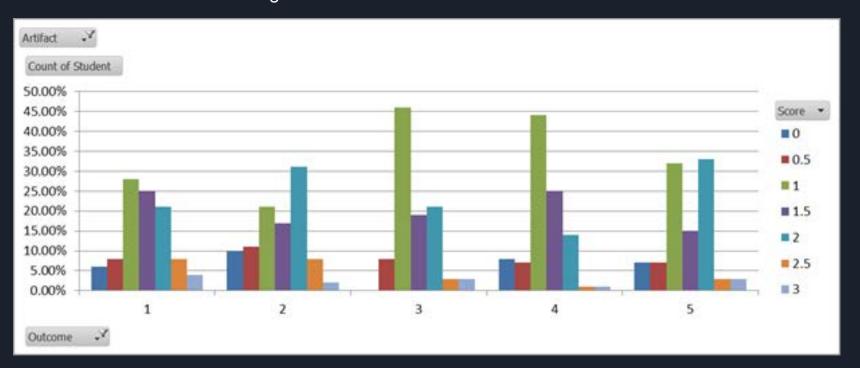
Note: While scores assigned by evaluators did vary, there was a fair degree of consistency

III. Results - Effective Communication

	Score ≥ 1 (Beginning)	Score ≥ 2 (Proficient)	Score ≥ 3 (Mastery)	Mean	Standard Deviation
1. Context	86.0%	33.0%	4.0%	1.44	0.71
2. Arrangement of Material	79.0%	41.0%	2.0%	1.40	0.77
3. Content Material	92.0%	27.0%	3.0%	1.37	0.55
4. Supporting Material and Evidence	85.0%	16.0%	1.0%	1.19	0.55
5. Use of Language	86.0%	39.0%	3.0%	1.41	0.70
Overall Summaries	85.6%	31.2%	2.6%	1.36	0.67

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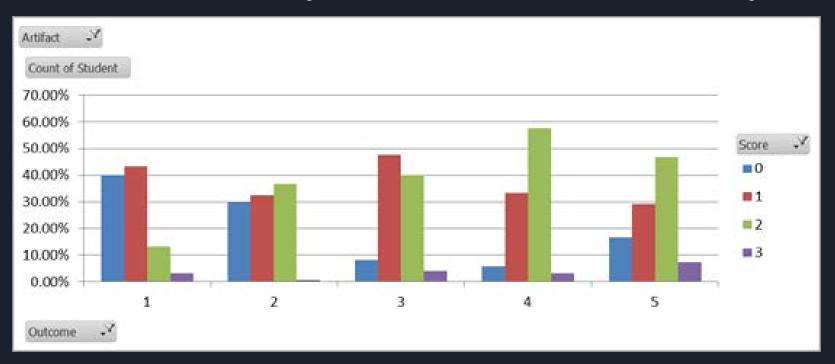


III. Results - Critical Thinking

	Score ≥ 1 (Beginning)	Score ≥ 2 (Proficient)	Score ≥ 3 (Mastery)	Mean	Standard Deviation
1. Student Position	60.0%	16.7%	3.3%	0.80	0.80
2. Student Assumptions	70.0%	37.5%	0.8%	1.08	0.84
3. Issue or Problem	91.7%	44.2%	4.2%	1.40	0.70
4. Info. from Sources	94.2%	60.8%	3.3%	1.58	0.66
5. Conclusion or Outcomes	83.3%	54.2%	7.5%	1.45	0.88
Overall Summaries	79.8%	42.7%	3.8%	1.31	0.81

III. Results - Critical Thinking

Distribution of scores assigned within each of the five GELOS for Critical Thinking



III. Results - Observations and Comments

- 1. Scores were largely consistent...
 - a. ..across artifacts' scores,
 - b. ...across assessors' scoring, and
 - c. ...across learning outcomes.
- 2. Some learning outcomes did not have a natural fit for assessing the artifact.
- 3. Most work samples could not be placed into the Mastery level because the artifacts' assignments did not seem to require it.

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