Assurance of Learning is the process that allows faculty to pursue excellence in their programs by focusing on continuous improvement and ensuring that students graduate with the knowledge and skills needed for their future careers and/or post-graduate studies.

Assurance of Learning Day 2013, held on September 27, gave faculty the opportunity to step back from teaching individual courses, to evaluate student learning in their program, and to discuss their program as a whole. With day classes canceled, each academic department set the agenda for their assurance of learning day based upon the needs of the faculty and programs.

Progress

Departments used the day for:
- Curriculum mapping
- Identifying common SLO’s for core courses
- Reviewing or revising SLO’s and assessment methods
- Looking at competencies of senior level courses
- Revising capstone course
- Evaluating KPIs
- Revising instruction methods
- Working on Program Review
- Working on rubrics

“We appreciate the day dedicated to this type of work!!”

Next Steps

Sampling of next steps defined:
- Established regular faculty meeting to discuss student assessment
- Set up timelines for collecting data for student assessment
- Commitment to refining assignments, rubrics and curriculum mapping

“We are committed to continue our discussion of the results of our assessment activities and to continue to share ideas about improving our courses.”

Overall evaluation

- More than 20% requested additional Assurance of Learning Days or more time to focus on assurance of learning.
- Many departments made positive strides towards improving assessment and how they use the information.

“Continue to schedule Assurance of Learning Day next year. An extremely valuable day for our program faculty to meet and focus on student outcomes and evaluation.”

Assurance of Learning Day 2014 will be held Friday, September 19, 2014

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