

Assessment Meeting 5/1

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To: bc_assess listserv

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Good Morning Assessment Committee!

In lieu of our originally scheduled last committee meeting for this Friday, 5/1, Lora and I want to be sensitive to your needs for time and working with your students as we near the end of a unique semester that's been filled with quite a few challenges. As such, we will not meet for Friday's Zoom meeting, but have provided information below that we would like you to read, think about, and provide responses to. (Please click 'reply' instead of 'reply all' to reduce the number of emails everyone will receive.)

1) Since we were unable to fully complete two tasks this spring (ILO study and mapping of learning outcomes), these will be postponed to the Fall 2020 semester. In addition to these tasks and continuous review of SLOs/PLOs through curriculum, what are some things you would like to see the Assessment Committee tackle next year?

2) One of the potential initiatives for the coming academic year that I hinted at in our last meeting is the possibility that BC will be hosting a statewide student learning summit focused on Guided Pathways Pillar #4 (Ensure Learning). What are some ideas or tasks that we could do as a committee in the Fall to promote the summit and increase constructive dialogue for assessment practices? These tasks could take place in the Summer or Fall before the summit, or panels/activities during the summit in November/December. Most likely, this will include compensation as well.

3) Lora and I both greatly appreciate your service to this committee and the great work we've been able to accomplish this year. We would sincerely like for you to return to the committee next year, if your availability and interest permits. (Still planning to meet Friday mornings.) If you could please let me know of your intention by replying to this email with 'Yes: I'd like to serve again next year' or 'No: I won't be able to serve next year', then I would appreciate it so we can begin sending information to Academic Senate to get the ball rolling.

4) And finally, please don't forget to spread the word to the faculty in your area (and you are welcome to cut and paste from this paragraph) that SLO assessments for the 2019-20 year are due by July 7, 2020 in eLumen. In your communications, we'd also like you to let faculty know that we are sensitive to the changes many of their courses underwent this past Spring, and remind them that their reporting isn't just about outcomes, but can be even more informative for their programs by including narratives that discuss what they've learned about their courses and student learning as a part of this transition, regardless of what the data look like. The reporting terms (either Summer 2019, Fall 2019, or Spring 2020) should follow their department [assessment plans](#) to know which SLOs to enter data for. (More data is better, but only one term needs reporting for completion.) Further remind faculty where to find how-to handouts and videos for entering individual/collective assessments in eLumen on the [eLumen Assessment website](#).

Lora and I are incredibly grateful for your ambition and commitment to assessment at BC. We would not be able to do the work without you, and for that reason, we thank you. While not much--as a token of appreciation--when we get back to campus, we will deliver a certificate to you for your contributions to the committee's work this past year.

Best of luck finishing up the rest of the semester; I hope you get some much-needed physical and mental rest.

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