

Assessment Committee Summary – AY2425

The Assessment Committee was formed this year in response to recommendations from our Year 7 visit with NWCCU. The peer evaluators were satisfied with the work we've done around student learning outcome (SLO) assessment at the course level, and would like us to now focus on assessment at the program and institution level. The committee is composed of three faculty, two members of the eLearning department, one academic director, and the Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness.

The committee has had many thoughtful discussions around student learning outcomes assessment, including how to balance accreditation requirements with ever-increasing workloads. We have decided to use a product called eLumen Insights for Canvas Outcomes to help manage the process of mapping curriculum, assessing learning outcomes, and documenting efforts to improve student learning as a result. It will be incredibly convenient to have student learning outcomes assessment work be done completely in Canvas, rather than having to document it all in a separate database. It will also provide more information to faculty about their assessment work and help with big-picture evaluation.

In preparation for implementation of eLumen, Jessie has been working with faculty in every program to update their learning outcomes and map course outcomes to program outcomes. The committee has outlined the basics of a program learning outcomes assessment process and will refine it in the coming year as we develop and pilot use of eLumen in Canvas. Next year, the committee will also assemble a workgroup to update institutional learning outcomes. We also hope to figure out the role the committee will play in learning outcomes assessment once the process is in motion, which may come with a new, more descriptive name.