

April 18, 2013

VPAA Lee
Chancellor's Office

Re: CEP Involvement with Learning Outcomes and Course Syllabi for Student Referencing

Dear Herbie,

Members discussed the future senate oversight necessary for WASC reviews with regard to learning outcomes established by our campus.

Members had the following responses:

CEP currently reviews every department program statement; CEP agrees that a department committed to PLOs has to make it clear that these outcomes are important with regard to success in their discipline, and the appropriate place to do this is the program statement. CEP agrees that having the PLOs in the program statement would help communicate to students what the department expectations are and fulfill the WASC requirement.

Further, we believe that as we start using the new course approval supplemental form (complete with core topics and minimum required proficiencies for each course) that we post course core topics and required proficiencies on a departmental or divisional basis. We have had repeated requests from undergraduates for this sort of public listing, and we believe it is compatible with the WASC process. CEP recommends each department or division be encouraged to produce online resources for students to reference.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tracy Larrabee, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy

Cc: GC Chair Schumm