

2015-2016 Program Review Sociology

Section A - Enrollment and Demographics

Examine the enrollment and demographic data in Section A of the datasheet.

- 1. Is your program's enrollment increasing, decreasing, or remaining constant? Increasing
- 2. Describe the reason(s) for the trend in your program's enrollment (600 characters max).

The enrollment has flucturated in the past 4 years: We were at 2,855 in 2010, down to 2,669 in 2013 and back up to 2,873 last year. This is very similar to the overall college enrollment patterns. Additionally, this fluctuation may be due to the lack of qualified part-timers during 2013.

- 3. Are the demographics of students in your program similar to those of the College, as a whole? Yes
- 4. If no, please describe why they differ (600 characters max).

 Are you able to increase your program's enrollment and/or enroll more students from underrepresented groups? No



6. If no, please describe why your program is unable to do this. (600 characters max).

We do not need to do this, as Sociology demographics are already very diverse.

Section B - Course Success Rate

Examine your program's course success rate data in Section B of the datasheet. To satisfy an accreditation requirement, the College has set a standard of 66.7% for the course success rate that all programs are expected to meet.

- Was your program's course success rate in 2014 higher than the college standard of 66.7%? Yes
- Was your program's course success rate in 2014 higher than the overall college success rate? Yes
- 3. Is your program's course success rate increasing, decreasing, or remaining constant? Increasing
- 4. Are there gaps between demographic groups (ethnicity, gender) in your program's course success rate?

Yes

5. Briefly describe the reason(s) for the trend in your program's course success rate, and for any gaps between demographic groups (600 characters max).

Overall Sociology has a higher success rate than the colleges. The exception is with Black students.

Sociology has a 3.3% lower success rate for black students.

6. Are you able to increase your program's course success rate and/or close gaps between demographic groups? Yes



Section C - Productivity

Examine your program's productivity data in Section C of the datasheet. The college has set an overall productivity standard of 525.

1. Was your program's productivity in 2014 higher, lower, or equal to the overall college standard of 525?

Higher

- 2. Is your program's productivity increasing, decreasing, or remaining constant? Decreasing
- 3. Is your program's course fill rate increasing, decreasing, or remaining constant? Decreasing
- 4. Briefly describe the reasons for the trends in your program's productivity and course fill rate (600 characters max).

Although our numbers are way above the college's productivity state standard of 525. Our numbers are not significantly lower. However there has been a decrease in Productivity and Course Fill Rate that directly corresponds with the tenuous staffing of classes with part-time faculty whom are not consistent and available in the breadth and depth of the courses that are needed to satisfy the GE and AAT Degree in Sociology.

 Are you able to increase your productivity and/or course fill rate? Yes



Section D - Degrees and Certificates Awarded

 Does your program offer a degree or certificate of achievement? Yes

If yes, please examine the degree and certificate data on Section D of the datasheet and answer the questions below. If no, skip to Section E.

To satisfy an accreditation requirement, the college has set a standard to award a minimum of 1,178 degrees and certificates each year.

2. Briefly describe the trend in the number of degrees and certificates that your program has awarded over the last five years (600 characters max).

The first year we granted AAT's in Sociology was 2012 (26) in 2014 we granted 54!

Programs that have awarded fewer than 15 degrees and certificates over the past five years may be placed on possible discontinuance.

 Has your program awarded fewer than 15 total degrees and certificates over the past five years? No



4. If yes, please describe the reason(s) why your program has awarded fewer than 15 total degrees and certificates (600 characters max). Also please create an initiative in Section H that describes how your program will increase the number of degrees/certificates awarded, and what resources, if any, are necessary to achieve it.

- Are there gaps between demographic groups (ethnicity, gender) in your program's awarding of degrees and certificates? Yes
- 6. If yes, please describe the reasons for any gaps between demographic groups (600 characters max).

Sociolgy has traditionally had more female students than male students. Sociology majors do not pursue Sociology for the money. As soon as the gender pay equity is addresed and implemented, we may see an increase in males pursuing degrees in Sociology. As for ethnicity, white students are underrepresented, with "Hispanics" receiving the most degrees in Sociology. Once again, the pay disparity is an obvious variable.

 Are you able to increase the number of degrees/certificates that your program awards each year and/or close any gaps between demographic groups? No



Because it is a societal issue, not a local or college issue.

Section E - Student Learning Outcomes

- Are there any courses your program offers that have never been assessed? Yes
- 2. If yes, why haven't they been assessed? (600 characters max)

AES/Soc 24 is not offered regularly and the part-time instructor
did not comply with the SLO requirements.

- What percentage of your program's courses have assessed at least half of their SLO's? 89%
- 4. Have you made any changes to courses based on the results of SLO assessment? Yes
- 5. If yes, briefly describe the changes were made and the impact they had on student learning. (600 characters max).

Provide earlier feedback to students. Incorporate more real-life activities. Increased collaboration with faculty. Identify students with support services.



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6. How many courses have assessed SLO's, implemented a change, and then re-assessed the SLO's (i.e. "closed the loop")?

6 Courses

- How closely have you adhered to your SLO rotational plan? Mostly
- 8. Did anything impede your ability to adhere to your SLO rotational plan? (600 characters max)

We are unable to offer all the courses in the catalog as we do not have qualified faculty to teach them. If we can't offer them, we can't assess as scheduled.

9. How does your program facilitate the achievement of the college's institutional learning outcomes? (600 characters max)

Mapped each course to a ISLO and asses as scheduled.

- 10. How many department/program meetings have you held in the previous year in which SLO's have been discussed?
 - 3
- 11. Are you able to improve the student learning outcomes for your program (i.e. number of SLO's assessed, adherence to rotational plan, student SLO attainment, etc.)? Yes



Section F - Budget

- 1. Have there been any significant changes in your program's budget over the past 3 years? No
- 2. How have these changes impacted student learning? (600 characters max)



Section G - Previous Year Initiatives

Program	Funding Category	Initiative ID	Initiative Title	Initiative Description	Cost	Grants/ Categorical	College Funds	Program Priority	Division Priority	Committee Priority	College Priority	Funded	Status	Outcome
Sociology and Human Services	None	SOC1306 & HMSV130 4	Provide professional developmen t funding	professional development funding to assure faculty are teaching courses using sound pedagogy that leads to student success in both face to face and online classes. Approximatel y \$3,000 this links to Professional Development funding request in another college wide initiative.	-		-	Μ	Μ			No	Ongoing	If these funds were not utilized this year
Sociology	Facilities	Soc1491	Smart Classes in MAC building	MAC 201/202 needed Smart Set-ups	?	N/A						Yes	Completed	MAC's are Smart now
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Section H – 2015-2016 Initiatives

Program	Initiative ID	Initiative Title	Initiative Description	Cost	Funding Source	Initiative Category	Educational Master Plan Goal	Expected Improvement	Program Priority	Division Priority	Committee Priority	College Priority
Sociology	Soc1501	New FT Faculty Hire	Department is in need of a Full- time faculty hire for Sociolgy to fill the void of the lack of qualified faculty. The part-time pool has decreased significantly over the past 4 years.	Approx. \$100,000	College Funds	Faculty	Goal 1 Goal 2 Goal 3 Goal 4 Goal 5	Enrollment # Under- represented students Course Success Rate Productivity/ Fill Rate Degrees/ Certificates Close equity gaps	Req High Med Low	Req High Med Low	Req High Med Low	Req High Med Low



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Sociology	Soc1502	Increase course success rates of Black students	Collaborate with the Faculty Academy and/or Teachers' Exchange Group and/or the African American Equity subcommittee to discuss and implement retention techniques.	0	None	Other	Goal 1 Goal 2 Goal 3 Goal 4 Goal 5	Enrollment H Under- represented students Course Success Rate Productivity/ Fill Rate Degrees/ Certificates Close equity gaps	Req High Med Low	Req High Med Low	Req High Med Low	Req High Med Low
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Educational Master Plan Goals

Goal 1: Continuously improve educational programs and services to meet student, community, and workforce development needs.

Goal 2: Provide students with information and access to diverse and comprehensive support services that lead to their success.

Goal 3: Partner with local and regional organizations to achieve mutual goals and strengthen the College, the community and the area's economic vitality.

Goal 4: Continuously enhance institutional operations and effectiveness.

Goal 5: Implement the Ventura College East Campus Educational Plan.



Section I – Process Assessment

How have the changes in the program review process this year worked for your area?

How would you improve the program review process based on this experience?

Appeals

After the program review process is complete, your program has the right to appeal the ranking of initiatives (i.e. initiatives that should have been ranked high but were not, initiatives that were ranked high but should not have been), the division's decision to support/not support program discontinuance, or the process (either within the department/program or the division) itself.

If you choose to appeal, please complete the Appeals form (Appendix E) that explains and supports your position. Forms are located at the Program Review VC website.

The appeal will be handled at the next higher level of the program review process.

<u>Section I – Submission Verification</u> Preparer:

Dates met (include email discussions):

List of Faculty who participated in the program Review Process:

Preparer Verification:

I verify that this program document was completed in accordance with the program review process. **Dean Verification:**

I verify that I have reviewed this program review document and find it complete. *The dean may also provide comments (optional):*



APPEAL FORM

The program review appeals process is available to any faculty, staff, or administrator who feels strongly that the prioritization of initiatives (i.e. initiatives that were not ranked high but should have been, initiatives that were ranked high but should not have been), the decision to support or not support program discontinuance, or the process followed by the division should be reviewed by the College Planning Council.

Appeal submitted by: (name and program) ______ Date: ______ Category for appeal: _____ Faculty _____ Personnel – Other _____ Equipment- Computer _____ Equipment – Other _____ Facilities _____ Operating Budget _____ Program Discontinuance _____ Other (Please specify)

Briefly explain the process that was used to prioritize the initiative(s) being appealed:

Briefly explain the rationale for asking that the prioritization of an initiative/resource request be changed:

Appeals will be heard by the College Planning Council. You will be notified of your time to present.