



**Pierce Academic Senate
Notice Motion Proposal
Fall 2018**

Program Learning Outcomes Assessment Timeline

BACKGROUND

Pierce College assesses student learning outcomes (SLOS) for individual courses, institutional learning outcomes (ILOs) at the college-level, and program learning outcomes (PLOs) at the program-level. Currently, ILOs and PLOs are assessed using the course-level SLO data. SLOs are currently assessed in all courses for each student, in each regular semester, with data entered and evaluated using the program eLumen. The senate voted to assess courses and programs on a four-year cycle, which at the time was consistent with the College's four-year comprehensive Annual Program Plan (APP) cycle. In 2016, departments created a four-year plan of assessment for their programs (PLOs) and courses (SLOs), and have been assessing courses on that cycle in eLumen. The larger college has been assessing ILOs within this same cycle as well. Despite effective assessments of courses and ILOs on this cycle, programs (PLOs) have not been evaluated yet.

Whereas, there were previously no developed questions for program (PLO) assessment nor assessment for PLOs within eLumen.

Whereas, the College Outcomes Committee has now developed questions for program (PLO) assessment.

Whereas, the Office of Institutional Effectiveness has created program (PLO) assessment Strategic Initiatives in eLumen, which are similar to the Action Plans for course reports and Scorecards for SLO data collection.

Whereas, programs (PLOs) have not been assessed due to the unavailability of PLO questions or an eLumen assessment instrument.

Whereas, ideally programs (PLOs) should be assessed at least once prior to the completion of departmental comprehensive APPs.

Whereas, the planned timelines created by the departments for PLO assessment were created in 2016, leaving two years of programs without a plan that maps onto the four-year APP timeline.

Therefore be it resolved, The College Outcomes Committee recommends to the Senate the four-year program-assessment timelines we revised to have all programs assessed once prior to the next comprehensive APP in 2020.

Noticed by the Pierce Academic Senate this 5th day of November, 2018.

Ratified by the Pierce Academic Senate this [DAY] day of [MONTH], [YEAR].