November 21, 2013

Dear:

As a part of our effort to improve student learning across our college, we need your assistance. The course you are teaching this term, is aligned with one of our college’s General Education outcomes: (the list of outcomes are attached).

We need your best assessment of your students’ progress this term on this GE outcome. Please follow the link to a survey to record what you find:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GESLOassessfall13

Do not complete the entire survey. Locate the GE area (A-F) and provide a rating for only the GE outcome aligned with your course. Once you provide your rating, click next and provide your best assessment of your students’ progress.

Your feedback will provide information for a discussion of our college’s progress on our General Education outcomes.

If you have any questions, you can contact me via email at krose@gavilan.edu or Randy Brown at rbrown@gavilan.edu

It is critical that these surveys are completed by December 10th.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

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AREA A – Communications in the English Language
Upon Completion of courses in Area A, students will be able to do the following:
  1. Receive, analyze, and effectively respond to verbal communication
  2. Formulate, organize and logically present verbal information
  3. Write clear and effective prose using forms, methods, modes and conventions of English grammar that best achieve the writing’s purpose
  4. Advocate effectively for a position using persuasive strategies, argumentative support, and logical reasoning
  5. Employ the methods of research to find information, analyze its content, and appropriately incorporate it into written work
  6. Read college course texts and summarize the information presented
  7. Analyze the ideas presented in college course materials and be able to discuss them or present them in writing

AREA B – Physical Universe and its Life Forms
Upon Completion of courses in Area B, students will be able to do the following:
  1. Explain concepts and theories related to physical and biological phenomena
  2. Identify structures of selected living organisms and relate structure to biological function
  3. Recognize and utilize appropriate mathematical techniques to solve both abstract and practical problems
  4. Utilize safe and effective laboratory techniques to investigate scientific problems
  5. Discuss the use and limitations of the scientific process in the solution of problems
  6. Make critical judgments about the validity of scientific evidence and the applicability of scientific theories
  7. Utilize appropriate technology for scientific and mathematical investigations and recognize the advantages and disadvantages of that technology
  8. Work collaboratively with others on labs, projects, and presentations

AREA C – Arts, Foreign Language, Literature and Philosophy
Upon Completion of courses in Area C, students will be able to do the following:
  1. Demonstrate knowledge of the language and content of one or more artistic forms: visual arts, music, theater, film/television, writing, digital arts
  2. Analyze an artistic work on both its emotional and intellectual levels
  3. Demonstrate awareness of the thinking, practices and unique perspectives offered by a culture or cultures other than one’s own
  4. Recognize the universality of the human experience in its various manifestations across cultures

AREA D – Social, Political, and Economic Institutions
Upon Completion of courses in Area D, students will be able to do the following:
  1. Identify and analyze key concepts and theories about human and/or societal development
  2. Critique generalizations and popular opinion about human behavior and society, distinguishing opinion and values from scientific observation and study
  3. Demonstrate an understanding of the use of research and scientific methodologies in the study of human behavior and societal change
  4. Analyze different cultures and their influence on human development or society, including how issues relate to race, class and gender

AREA E – Lifelong Understanding and Self-Development
Upon Completion of courses in Area E, students will be able to do the following:
  1. Demonstrate an awareness of the importance of personal development
  2. Examine the integration of one’s self as a psychological, social, and physiological being

AREA F – Cultural Diversity
Upon Completion of courses in Area F, students will be able to do the following:
  1. Connect knowledge of self and society to larger cultural contexts
  2. Articulate the differences and similarities between and within cultures