

SLOAC Update - November Newsletter for Cañada College

Assessment by Multiple Choice Questions

Dr. Janet Stringer presented a short multiple choice quiz to 23 faculty and staff who came to this assessment workshop on Wednesday Oct 15th. Without knowing anything about the topic of the questions, we learned how a good test-taker can score fairly well. Then she explained how to avoid common and uncommon errors in writing these questions, such that they become a more accurate assessment of learning, *other* than learning how to take MC tests. This topic and more were discussed; if there is enough interest, Janet might be persuaded to repeat the workshop. Let me know at rhodesc@smccd.edu. Some handouts from the workshop are posted on the SLOAC website <http://www.canadacollege.edu/inside/slo/events.html>

Speaking of MC questions, we are planning to run a brief training session on how to use the newer Scantron reader. Now that you know how to interpret the output analysis (What? You missed Janet's workshop?), find out how to *get* that output. Stay tuned for date and times.

If you still plan to use the older Scantron reader, check out the new Item Analysis forms described in last month's SLOAC newsletter. Details here: <http://www.canadacollege.edu/inside/slo/updates.html>

Assessment 101

Our very own Director of Institutional Research, Greg Stoup, will present a workshop about different types of assessments and how to choose assessment tools that will produce useful information for students, teachers, and staff. Are you wondering how to assess problem-solving and analytical thinking? Still unclear about formative and summative? Want to practice setting up rubrics that can make your grading easier and your expectations clearer to students? Then come to this workshop on **Tuesday, November 18 in bldg 3-148 at 2:45pm.**

Assessment References - Check these out for inspiration!

Assessing Student learning in Community Colleges – This section from Janet Fulks' workbook contains lots of basic, practical information and examples.

<http://online.bakersfieldcollege.edu/courseassessment>

Case Studies on Learning Assessment – This is a collection of examples of assessments used for courses, programs, and institutions. Click "Learning Assessment" after you go to this page, and then choose among the cases that best suit your needs.

<http://css.rpgroup.org>

Assessment Site for Cal State (CSU SLOAC site) – This links to many assessment examples for a wide variety of SLOs, as well as rubrics and rubric generators.

<http://www.calstate.edu/acadaff/sloa/links/rubrics.shtml>