Can We Do Better?

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Why the Current System is Good Enough

- Our GE courses are already good.
- GE transfer works.
- Resources are tight (financial and psychic)
- We have configured our campuses/departments under the current system.
- The CSU and CCC are very large, diverse and complex, making change difficult.
But…

• What is the first thing students say when asked about general education?
• Why do they say this?
• Think of any seminal experiences you had during your baccalaureate studies.
• Make a mental note/write them down.
• How many of you thought of experiences that did NOT directly involve class assignments and were NOT covered in course exams?
Why It May Not Be Good Enough

• Changing World
• Changing Demographics
• The Achievement Gap
• “Access to Excellence,” Demands from Constituency Groups
Why We Might Have an Opportunity to Try to do Better Now

• Developments Within CSU
  • GE Surveys
  • GE Affinity Group
  • EO 1033/LEAP Outcomes

• COMPASS
  • Campus Projects
  • GE Institute
One Person’s Vision of Efforts to Do Better

• Regional Experimentation with Outcomes
• Campus Selection by Proposal/Voluntary Participation
• Faculty Driven
• Intersegmental
• Documentation, Assessment & Sharing
Proposal for CSU San Joaquin Valley

- Partners: CSUSJV, South College, Mountain College and West College
- Development of a List of Outcomes
- Discussions with Faculty, Students, and Other Stakeholders
- Intersegmental Development of Rubrics for Assessing Outcomes
- Setting of Outcome Standards
- Experimentation
- CSUSJV, Local Colleges
- Transfer from Local Colleges to CSUSJV
- Documentation and Assessment
- Sharing of Results
What would be needed for this vision?

- Committed CSU Campus Faculty
- Administrative Support
- CCC Partners
- Funding
  - Curricular Discussions
  - Development of Rubrics/Exams/Modules/Etc.
  - New Course/Module/Exam/Portfolio Implementation
  - Certification of Transfer Outcomes
  - Sharing of Results
Questions/Comments?
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• Point one
• Point two
• Point three
• Point four
• Point five
• Point six
• Point seven