

California State University
General Education Assessment Clearinghouse
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Year-End Report, 2001-2002

General Overview:

Fifteen campuses in the CSU system are participating in a project to share ideas, information, and models of assessment of campus general education programs. To do this, a website was developed in Fall, 2001 and has been available since since January. The URL for the site is: http://www.csustan.edu/Inst_Research/geclear/index.html. To date fifteen campuses of the CSU have subscribed. These include:

Cal Poly Pomona
Cal Poly, San Louis Obispo
CSU Bakersfield
CSU Chico
CSU Dominguez Hills
CSU Fresno
CSU Hayward
CSU Los Angeles
CSU Northridge
CSU Sacramento
CSU Stanislaus
Maritime Academy
San Francisco State Univ.
San Jose State Univ.
Sonoma State Univ.

Each campus has posted information about their general education program and the status of their assessment efforts. For campuses with existing assessment programs, models for the program and results, if available are also posted. In addition, links to other general education assessments sites are available directly from the website. Mailing Lists for all general education coordinators are also posted.

A list serve for all coordinators and a list serve for all interested parties was also developed.

The Clearinghouse Project Coordinator attended the Assessment Coordinators meeting as well as the Fullerton Assessment Conference in March and will attend the Assessment Conference hosted by the American Association of Higher Education in Boston in June. Both of these venues provide opportunities to advertise and promote the usefulness of the website to a wider audience.

Budget Expenditures:

Original Grant Amount	\$7,000.00
Student Assistant Time for webpage design and maintenance	\$1457.00
Professional staff time for oversight of web project	1000.00
Travel expenses for Jim Klein	867.69
Computer for web design and backup	<u>\$4,631.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDED:	\$7955.69

Next Steps:

- To remove general assessment information for the separate campuses that currently exists on some sites so only information about general education assessment appears on each page.
- To develop a link of campuses outside the CSU with model assessment programs
- To develop links to assessment information sponsored by professional organizations such as the American Association for Higher Education and the Association for American Colleges and Universities
- To develop links to specific assessment programs; ie: communication skills, science, or other specific disciplinary areas within the general education program

In the next academic year, the goal is to make the site more user-friendly and helpful by integrating the above steps. CSU Stanislaus remains committed to maintaining the site and providing a greatly needed tool as campuses struggle with how to assessment student learning in the general education program.