Departmental Assessment Analysis
(DAA form)
"Capturing the meaning of the assessment for the program."

Instructions:
- After departmental discussion and review of SLAS forms, complete the following form.
- Submit form to SLO Taskforce by census date.
- DAA forms will be published as "results" on the Sierra College Accreditation/SLO website

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| What does the department think it can do to improve teaching and learning? | • Develop methods to address needs of less prepared students  
• Encourage ongoing discussions about student learning  
• Share assessment strategies between instructors  
• Continue giving study guides, in class exercises, practice exams and weekly quizzes.  
• Peer review questions with low performance.  
• Continue to preview and show quality movies that explain complex concepts.(new one-Earth from Space” by Nova regarding satellites)  
• Create podcasts for difficult concepts  
• Internship placement for GIS students |
| What help or resources are needed from the college to improve teaching and learning? | • Support for additional work associated with assessment expectations  
• Additional full time faculty members  
• Opportunities to increase uses of other technologies in the classroom.  
• Restoration of travel funds for faculty  
• Encourage opportunities to effectively use Canvas  
• Continued support of internships  
• CTE support of GIS equipment needs  
• Computer lab software /hardware for labs and GIS classes  
• Addition of a new full time Geographer. |
| What are top priorities for improvement? | • Increase opportunities for department faculty to participate in professional development
• Share assessment strategies among department faculty
• Tutoring resources in Geography
• Peer review test questions flagged with low performance
• Ongoing promotion of GIS certificate
• Promotion of new AAT Geography Degree
• Continued faculty development / online / teaching videos
• P/T faculty to complete SLAS
• P/T faculty to complete online SLAS (google form) |
| How will department implement those priorities? | • Work with the tutor center to train tutors and solicit excellent students from our classes
• Work with Marketing to promote both the AAT Geography Degree (posters for campuses) as well as the GIS certification program.
• Assessment - Utilize departmental meetings.
• Purchase multi-media equipment |
| Provide timeline. | • These are priorities for the 2015-16 school year and we would expect to have marketing and tutors in place by the beginning of the fall semester. |