



# The Merritt Connection

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## **SLOAC Update: Reaching 100% Assessment But Ongoing Work Essential; Assistance Available!**

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Welcome back faculty, staff, administration, and most importantly, students! Hopefully, some rest and relaxation were enjoyed over the break, allowing us to start the Fall semester ready to serve. This past Fall the SLOAC committee was intensely focused on the campus-wide goal of working to reaffirm our accreditation by ensuring that all active courses were completing assessment of student learning. It's my great pleasure to report that we were able to reach 100% of courses, as well as 100% of programs having completed assessment of student learning. Way to go team!

But this is by no means a pass for us to take our pedal off the metal. Our assessment model is a 3-year rolling cycle. What this means is that at the start of each academic year, we are losing the captured assessments from two years ago. Now that we are in the 17-18 academic year, 14-15 is no longer included. This is one reason why ongoing assessment is essential. In order to support this, SLOAC will be assisting programs this semester with mapping their course SLO's to their program PLO's. Program-level dialogue will be key as we are moving from the micro to a more macro level of assessing our students' learning and how we can best support them.

Keep your eye out for big changes to our assessment platform as we will be moving from Taskstream to CurricuNet Meta. Additional information, training and support will be shared widely soon. SLOAC continues to have Assessment Coordinators available to assist:

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Please reach out to your coordinator with any questions or assistance with your assessments. Even better, come join our assessment discussions at our SLOAC meetings on the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday of each month from 2-3:30 in room S354. Happy assessing!