

## **Assessment Committee Report for May 9, 2024 Faculty Meeting**

Submitted by Katie Ziegler-Graham, chair

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### **2023-24 OLE Core Assessment – Artifact Submission**

A final reminder to submit your artifacts by Reading Day! Please visit the [Assessment Committee website](#) for guidelines and links to submission folders. If the assignment you are using to collect artifacts is due after reading day, we ask that you de-identify your artifacts (remove student names and reference to the course or other identifying information) and submit your artifacts soon after they are collected! If you have questions or concerns Katie and Kelsey are available to assist!

The Assessment Summer Scoring workshop will take place June 3-5. Stay tuned for the Fall Assessment Report for all of the details. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to participate in the workshop!

### **2024-25 OLE Core Assessment**

Next year the college-wide assessment of student learning will include:

- Creativity (CRE)
- Christian Theology in Dialogue (CTD)
- Natural Science (NTS)
- Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC)

If you are teaching a course carrying one of these attributes you will be notified by the end of the semester with your course and ILO assignment. The Assessment Committee has used random assignment such that each faculty teaching in one of these 4 attributes will be assigned one ILO for one course (including all sections in a semester). Please look for this email and make a note of the attribute and ILO you have been assigned. If your teaching assignment changes please reach out to Katie for an updated assignment.

### **Proposed Revision to OLE Core Intended Learning Outcomes**

As mentioned in the March report, the Assessment Committee reviewed proposed revisions to the Natural Science (NTS) ILOs. These revisions were brought to us by the Chairs and Associate Dean of the NSM and forwarded to the Curriculum Committee. At the May meeting we will have a chance to approve the updated NTS ILOS. Please review the proposed updates in the Curriculum Committee Resolution and be ready to vote!

### **Decennial Cycle Assessment Update**

If your current Decennial plan includes an assessment activity and subsequent report, the deadline for these reports is the same as the deadline for Department/Program annual reports. As always, the Assessment Committee website has resources available to you as you are preparing your report. Members of the Assessment Committee are eager to answer questions and support you in this process. Please email Katie or reach out to any committee members if you have questions or just want to chat about Assessment.

**Thank you!**

Thank you to all of the members of the Assessment Committee for their hard work this year. Thank you to Jaime and Rika who are ending their terms and welcome to the newly elected members to the committee. A big thanks to Colin Wells who has served double duty on the committee – both as the Director of Assessment and the Provost's representative. Colin's leadership and contributions to the committee run the gamut– from taking minutes and working on rubric development to presenting to the Board of Regents. And of course, thank you to Kelsey Thompson. I've said it before, but without Kelsey we would have an Assessment Plan not an Assessment Program. Kelsey's organization and execution may not be something you all see, but it's what makes everything happen.

I'm glad that I'll continue to be involved with the work of the committee and the work of assessment at St Olaf over the next several years. The processes we have developed are still relatively new, but we have been able to learn about our students and their learning. And we have seen how a robust assessment process can inform our teaching. One of the most rewarding experiences is the conversations with colleagues about how we continue to work to align our courses with our stated OLE Core learning outcomes and learning outcomes of our majors/programs while working to create meaningful assignments where students are provided the opportunity to demonstrate their learning. Thank you to all of the instructors who have submitted artifacts, are working on assignments for next year, and are engaging with department/program assessment. The assessment program is successful because of you – thank you for your continued engagement in this work!

**Assessment Committee Members:**

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