
Assessing Harold

It Takes a Committee

HWC Assessment Committee

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Assessment is...all about learning

Comprehensive, faculty-driven process:

Ongoing, Systematic, Structured, Sustainable, Fun,
Voluntary & Non-Evaluative

“The Harold Washington College Assessment Committee (HWCAC) is dedicated to fulfilling the HWC core value of conducting assessment activities to improve student learning.”

The HWCAC Charge

About growth and unicorns

An Accurate-ish Timeline:

1998: HLC Complains

2003: Cecilia's Committee

2008: HLC Redemption (Gen Ed Assessment)

2012: Experimentation (Unit Liaisons)

2014: International Recognition

2018: Critical Reflection & Renewal



Supporting learning across various units

“The HWCAC maintains cycles of assessment focused on various units of student learning, including institutional, general education, cocurricular, and program levels”

We use info from Direct and Indirect Measures to:

- Examine assumptions about learning

- Explore how, when, and where learning happens

- Encourage positively impactful change

- Create/sustain inquiry & improvement-oriented culture

Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

- Initiate
 - Investigate
 - Evaluate
 - Create
 - Participate
 - Appreciate
 - Communicate
 - Contemplate
- The largest scope of outcomes possible that colleges and universities use to assess student learning.
- Asked, “What should students have learned while at HWC as a whole, not just in the classroom or their selected program?”
- Created chance to assess experiences outside of the Gen Ed Core Curriculum (GECC) and learning happening in cocurricular areas, events, and everyday interactions with faculty, staff, and administrators at HWC.

Department Liaisons for Area Assessment

Art: Galina Shevchenko

Biology: Farah Movahedzadeh

Business: Bridgette Mahan

English, Speech, Theater, Journalism: Amy Rosenquist

Humanities & Music: *Unoccupied*

Library: *Unoccupied*

Mathematics & CIS: Chao Lu

Physical Sciences: Samar Ayeshe & Phil Vargas

Social & Applied Sciences: Juanita Del Toro

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