General Education Annual Course Assessment Form

Course Number/Title: Phys 123 / Physics of Animation
GE Area: R

Results reported for AY: 12/13
# of sections: 1
# of instructors: 1

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College: Science

Instructions: Each year, the department will prepare a brief (two page maximum) report that documents the assessment of the course during the year. This report will be electronically submitted, by the department chair, to the Office of Undergraduate Studies, with an electronic copy to the home college by September 1 of the following academic year.

Part 1

To be completed by the course coordinator:

(1) What SLO(s) were assessed for the course during the AY?

   SLO 1: A student should be able to demonstrate and understanding of the methods and limits of scientific investigation.

(2) What were the results of the assessment of this course? What were the lessons learned from the assessment?

   This learning objective was assessed by the first term paper in the course; 50 (94%) of 53 students met this objective based on their receiving a passing grade on the paper. While we consider this to be successful, we feel that the length of the term paper (1500 words) was too long for the assigned topic and some of the weaker papers lacked a strong focus.

(3) What modifications to the course, or its assessment activities or schedule, are planned for the upcoming year? (If no modifications are planned, the course coordinator should indicate this.)

   Instead of having two term papers of 1500 words each the students will be doing three term papers of 1000 words each.

Part 2

To be completed by the department chair (with input from course coordinator as appropriate):

(4) Are all sections of the course still aligned with the area Goals, Student Learning Objectives (SLOs), Content, Support, and Assessment? If they are not, what actions are planned?

This is the only section and instructor for this course.