Time-Saving Tips for Writing Proficiency Criteria

Lessons from Phase I and Early Phase II

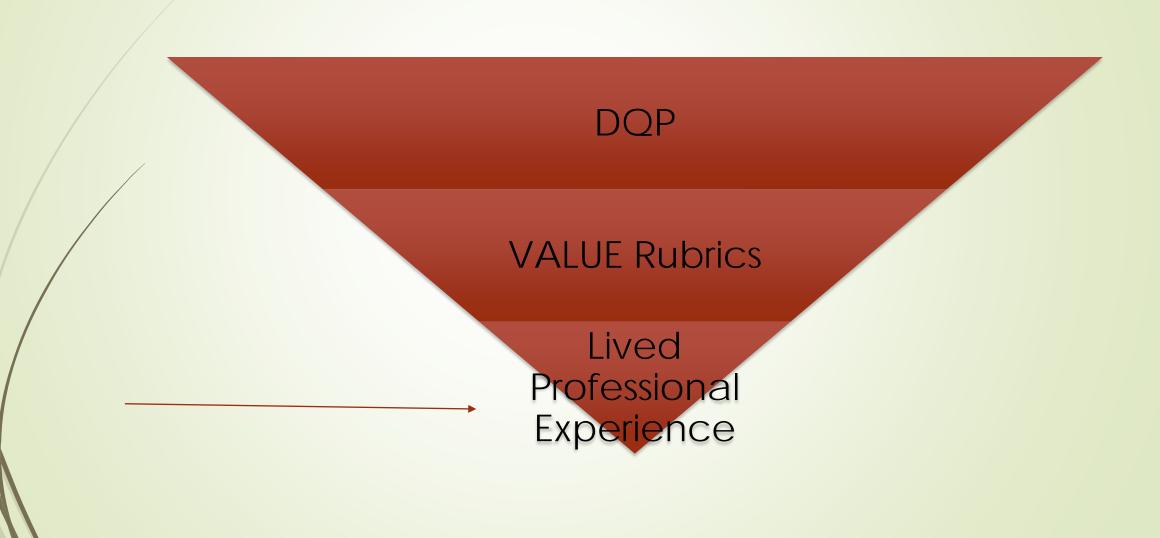
Trust the Process

- Trust faculty
- Good teaching is local
- Good assessment is local
- Quality learning is transferable
- Assurance comes through tracking

Seven Blind Alleys

- Looking Elsewhere
- Begging the Question
- Decontextualizing the PC Column
- Bending the Passport Template
- All that Glitters is not Gold
- Just Like Me
- Holding Back

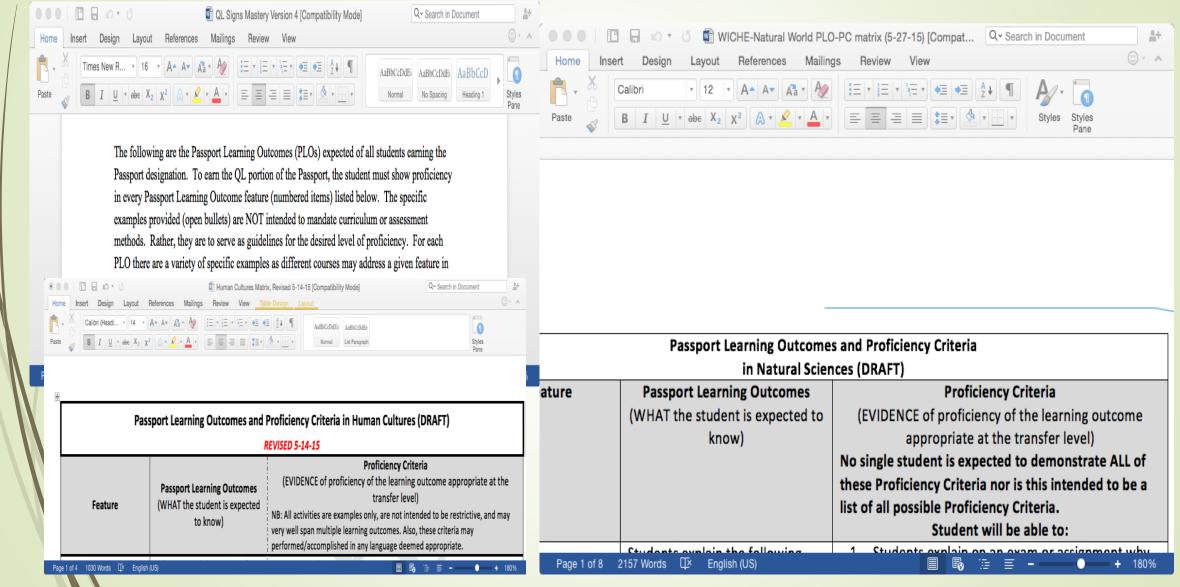
Looking Elsewhere



Begging the Question

- Saying more or less the same thing in the PC that you said in the PLO
- PLO: Express quantitative information symbolically, graphically, and in writing.
- PC: Create graphs which express quantitative information visually
- Actual PC (from a set): States the conclusion to a significance test and writes an explanation of the rationale for the conclusion.

Decontextualizing the PC Column



Bending the Passport Template

- Rewriting the PLOs
- Adding another column or two
- Searching for a better way
- Going back to the beginning

All that Glitters is not Gold

- Assignments that wow and sizzle
- Assignments that nobody gives
- Assignments that would work in a perfect world

Just Like Me

- My faculty would never do that...
- My school requires two courses for this...
- We fought long and hard for this requirement; I need to see it in the PCs...
- My school is famous for this or that; I have to get it in this document everywhere I can...

Holding Back

- Everybody is going to know I use multiple-choice tests...
- I don't understand how that assignment reaches to the learning outcome, but I don't want to look stupid...
- I'm going to keep quiet until I see what these other faculty are going to bring to the table...

Good PC Are...

- Assessable
- Appropriate for lower division GE
- Legitimate
- Representative
- Clearly connected to the learning outcome
- Currently being used