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Dear Helen,

The purpose of this memo is to detail the outcomes of the 2019-2020 academic year assessment for the Homeland Security Minor (HSM) and Certificate (HSC).

In 2019-2020, the HSM was scheduled to assess the Communication Student Learning Outcome (SLO), and the HSC was to assess the Writing SLO. Communication is assessed directly via presented research, reports, and professional briefings. Writing is assessed directly via well reasoned and researched arguments (Source: 2018-19 Assessment Plan).

The direct assessment of these SLO's are based around end of year activities in which students and their behavior are observed and assessed by the program director. In Spring of 2020, the program director, Steven Liebel, was on sabbatical. CSUP faculty oversaw the program in his absence, were briefed on how to assess the programs, and were prepared to do so. However, with the onset of COVID-19 and remote education, the program was unable to perform the assessments as detailed in its assessment plans. The programs necessary reliance on adjuncts employed within homeland security fields, who were then occupied with COVID-19 related issues themselves, made a formal assessment impossible.

In the wake of this tumult, the program is adapting to the new world. The Homeland Security program at CSU-Pueblo is, in 2020-2021, bringing in new faculty with the capacity to teach to a dynamic world environment. Faculty will be focusing on, among other topics: public health law; legalities of domestic policing (focus on race and gender); new and emerging technologies and surveillance law and their application during strategic planning; and corporate/government legal and economic ties.

We believe that this adaptive approach will best serve our students as they graduate into our new world. Please contact me with any questions, as I am happy to assist in any way necessary.

Kindest regards,

Steve Liebel