Departmental Liaison
Classroom Visit Summary

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

Course Information

Semester: [ ] Fall  [ ] Spring  Academic Year: 2013 - 2014
Partner High School:  Saint Louis University High School
High School Adjunct Instructor:  Mr. Robert O'Connell
SLU Course Title:  U.S. History from 1865
Subject:  US History  Course Number:  261

Observation Date:  4/10/2014
Course Text:  [ ] Same as on campus  [ ] Approved by Liaison

Syllabus:  [ ] On File  [ ] Available at visit  [ ] Unavailable
Mixed Enrollment:  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

Instructional Methodologies: Strengths and Concerns

Textbook: M.B. Norton et al. People and Nation (comparable with campus textbooks)

Observations:

23 students in class, of which 15 are signed up for the 1818 program.

Similarity to On-Campus offering: To what extent are this course section's syllabus, aims, and content representative of an on-campus offering

The class is more than fully comparable to on-campus offerings by the History Department.

Student Involvement: What are your impressions of student interest and involvement?

Student involvement and active participation was one of the most impressive I have seen in 20 years of serving as a History liaison in the program. Strictly academic level.
Student Assessment: Are the depth and rigor of assessments equivalent to on-campus offerings?
Please request to review some assessments for this course section.

A broad spectrum of assessment methods was used, including DBA's for every unit, short essays, and a solid research paper per every semester.

Instructor's marking and grading: Does the instructor seem comfortable evaluating student work?

Teacher often gives precise and transparent grading system that corresponds well with his assessment methods.

If you had the opportunity to address the class were there any comments/questions?
We are particularly interested in items pertaining to 1818ACC policies, procedures or practices.

Additional Comments

Mr. O'Connell is an excellent teacher, in his 11th year at SLUH. He was selected Teacher of the Year in 2007, and in 2010 the school appointed him Department Chair. I believe he is a very good candidate for our annual award.

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Is the course section consistent with an on-campus offering:

☑ Yes ☐ No

Please indicate if the Syllabus contains the content below:

☑ Descriptive overview of the course:
☑ Learning outcomes:
☑ Assessments:
☑ Calendar of due dates:
☑ 1818 ACC's academic honesty statement:
☑ Grading rubric:

SLU Departmental Liaison Signature: Michele Rosych Date: 4-10-14