Do faculty have to use Blackboard for the general education outcomes assessment project?
Yes. The College is implementing Blackboard Outcomes specifically to meet a number of concerns regarding outcomes assessment and to create future opportunities for improved outcomes assessment procedures and methods. All faculty have previously been required to have a basic presence in Blackboard for each course they teach; at minimum, faculty teaching courses included in the core curriculum or an outcomes assessment project should also use Blackboard to collect student work on relevant assignments aligned to specific outcomes.

Are there any guidelines for the assignments faculty use and align to the general education outcome or can faculty create or use their own assignment?
There are guidelines for the assignments used for institutional assessment. Full-time faculty teaching one of the particular courses included in the project collaboratively developed an assignment designated to be aligned to institutional assessment. That collaboratively developed assignment should be used by all faculty teaching the course. The assignment (a) should be included as a normal course assignment that factors into the course grade, (b) should be submitted by students to an assignment in Blackboard, and (c) must be aligned in Blackboard to the general education outcome.

If there are other assignments in a course that may be relevant to a general education outcome, should faculty also align those assignments in Blackboard to the respective outcome?
No. Full-time faculty teaching one of the particular courses included in the project collaboratively developed an assignment designated to be aligned to institutional assessment. Those assignments are the only ones that should be aligned to a general education outcome.

To whom should I direct my questions about the general education outcomes assessment project?
- If you have questions regarding the assignment to be used in your course, please contact your department chair.
- If you have general questions about Blackboard Outcomes or general education outcomes assessment, contact the assessment office:
  - Michelle Selk, michelle.selk@sjcd.edu, 281-998-6150 x6425, District A-1.203
- If you have questions about or need support or training regarding Blackboard, please contact Educational Technology Services on your campus.