Accreditation Update

Spring 2018

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Topics

• Where we are with the accreditation report
• ACCJC changes
• Timeline and team visit preparation
Draft Report

• Draft v.12.14.17 ISER on Google Drive
• Great and valuable work from the standard teams
• Compiled and formatted
• Document highlights the college’s successes
Next Steps

- Provide feedback on the standard sections
- Improve the narrative and validate evidence
- Include introductory information, such as
  - History of the college
  - Enrollment trends
  - Student demographic data
  - Set standards and strategic plan
  - Organizational charts
  - Certification and compliance
ACCJC Philosophical Changes
Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges

• Celebrate the good work of the college
• Look at mission fulfillment rather than compliance
• Commit to be collaborative
• Vice presidents to visit with teams
ACCJC Review Changes

- Institutional commitment to changes means compliance
- Teams seek verification if evidence is not documented
- Self-evaluation is current, not about past deficiencies or past reports
Future ACCJC Goals

• Organize standards to raise the focus to a higher level
• Reduce the number of standard sections (now 128)
• Encourage shorter self-evaluation reports
ACCJC Focuses Unchanged

• SLO assessment remains central
• Evidence based on data
• Improvements tied to data for assessment
ACCJC Team Visit

• A team of about 12 members
• Four-day visit October 15-18, 2018
• Team will have read our report and already have begun writing their findings
• On-site visit: confirm evidence and findings, interview stakeholders, request additional evidence
Tentative Timeline

• Jan 5 ~ March 15 – improve draft narrative, update evidence, update Intranet
• March 15 – freeze web changes
• March 30 – complete final version of narrative
• May 1 – complete whole report with final formatting (introduction, compliance, graphics)
• May 15 – provide report to John Morton to submit to BOR
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THANK YOU
… to all who have helped with accreditation. We are highlighting successes of our great college!