

the **PROGRESS REPORT**

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Accreditation

Team Members Wanted!

You may have seen in this week's CC Chronicle that we are already ramping up for our next accreditation visit. The visit will not happen until October 2018, over two years out. But the important first step and centerpiece of the process is writing the Institutional Self Evaluation Report. This hefty document (over 400 pages last time) describes how we meet each of the 13 Accreditation Standards. Please consider serving as a team member on one of the Standards. Responsibility for the writing will fall to the faculty and management co-chairs (already determined), so we are looking for interested folks from all employee groups who wish to help the college reflect about our current conditions, achievements to date, and future goals for improving student learning and achievement. Plus, it's a great professional development opportunity. The 13 Standards are:

- I.A Mission
- I.B Improving Academic Quality and Institutional Effectiveness
- I.C Integrity Across the Institution
- II.A Instructional Programs
- II. B Library and Learning Support Services
- II.C Student Support Services
- III.A Human Resources
- III.B Physical Resources
- III.C Technology Resources
- III.D Financial Resources
- IV.A Decision-Making Roles and Processes
- IV.B Chief Executive Officer
- IV.C Governing Board
- IV.D Multi-College Districts or Systems

If you're interested in any of these, please contact your supervisor or the College's accreditation liaison officer, Corey Marvin.

Rumors of Our Accreditor's Demise....

...are greatly exaggerated. But there is no doubt ACCJC is going through a tough time. The state Chancellor's Office completed a task force report in 2015 that was highly critical of ACCJC, calling for a new model for accreditation—either by working collegially with ACCJC to reform its practices or by separating from it altogether. Since adopting a new accrediting agency takes years, the first step of working collegially started earlier this year when an association of college presidents met with ACCJC to identify areas of improvement and formulate recommendations for change. The resulting documents have been posted to ACCJC's website (at accjc.org). The workgroup continues to meet with Commissioners and ACCJC staff in meetings in September and October. What this means for us is that while we might anticipate a slightly modified accreditation visit in 2018, it will for sure be with ACCJC.

Important Dates

Annual Unit Plans

Due Oct 15

Annual Section Plans

Due Nov 15

Annual Division Plans

Due Dec 15

Program Reviews Due May 2017:

Administration of Justice
Computer Information Systems
Information Technology
Web Professional

Recent Actions:

Mathematics Program Review
Presented to Academic Senate, 9/29
Business Office Technology Program
Review, 9/29
General Sciences Program Review,
Approved for First Review by the
Program Review Committee, 10/4

Did you know?

That our accrediting commission itself has to be accredited? All "regional accreditors"—there are seven across the United States and Pacific territories—are re-authorized periodically by the U.S. Department of Education in a process very similar to ours. At its last renewal (March 2016), ACCJC's recognition was continued, but only for a period of 6 months as it comes into compliance with USDE criteria.