ACCREDITATION STEERING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 15, 2015
9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
CAI Arroyo Room

Present: Cathy Brinkman, Faith Colt, Kelly Enos, David Garza, Michael Griggs, Leslie Milke, Deborah Paulsen, Dr. Monte Perez, Joe Ramirez, Zoila Rodriguez-Doucette, Oliva Sanchez-Ayala, Daniel Villanueva
Absent: Michael Allen, Pat Flood, David Jordan, Sarah Master
Support: Carlos Gonzalez, Matthew Lee, Mary Lou Mendoza, Sandy Mine, Darlene Montes, Ludi Villegas-Vidal
Guests: Donna Ayers

Meeting called to order by Kelly Enos, 9:10 a.m.

1. Review Minutes
   - March 18, 2015

M/S/Approved w/ corrections M. Griggs/D. Ayers

2. President’s Report
   a. Dr. Perez attended the Southern California Community Colleges Conference of Chief Executive Officers.
      - Barbara Beno gave a presentation on the new Accreditation Standards. Dr. Perez has shared some key points from her talk with Co-Chair Enos. Some discussion points:
         o Visiting teams will be provided with a checklist template for federal compliance requirements.
         o Visiting teams will be provided with templates and training by the ACCJC.
         o More training will take place at the upcoming ACCJC Conference in San Diego in April.
         o The ACCJC is attempting to simplify the process and reduce redundancy in accreditation reports.
         o Mid-term reports will begin in the 3rd year of the cycle and be presented in the 4th year. It should emphasize progress made on institutional goals.
         o Dr. Perez was asked whether the ACCJC intends to improve their trainings. His response was that while they will be providing templates and training this time for the visiting teams, they still do not seem to have much of an improved plan.
   b. The ELS Consulting Group has done an assessment on our integrated planning for student success. There are a total of 15 plans involved. Their assessment will be completed by May 15, 2015, after which Dr. Perez, the VPs and Dean Master will meet with ELS to discuss their findings.

3. ALO’s Report - No report

4. Self-Evaluation Report
   a. Monday was the deadline for submission of Phase IV drafts. Dr. Perez, VP Villanueva and VP Ramirez gave updates on their writing teams’ progress.
   b. ACCJC conference is next week in San Diego. Michael and Dr. Perez will attend Thursday and Friday sessions. Danny, Kelly and Matthew Lee will be attending the Friday session. The hope is to get clarification of the new Standards and process.
   c. DPAC training March 22nd was attended by Sarah Master, Kelly Enos, Michael Allen and Mary Lou Mendoza.
      - The focus was mainly on the Quality Focus Essay and disaggregation of data.
d. White paper from the U.S. Senate subcommittee headed by Lamar Alexander to address Accreditation nationwide.
   - The U.S. Senate is looking at evidence as to whether it is really accomplishing what it is supposed to.
   - Possible alternatives include instituting a new evaluation grading scale to replace the yes/no model and giving institutions the option of being evaluated by teams outside their region.
   - Another concern is the growing costs to institutions to keep up with accreditation.

e. Program Assessment resources from WASC Assessment Leadership Academy
   - Kelly talked about a couple of books which could be used as resources for assessment, *Assessing General Education Programs* and *Assessing Academic Programs in Higher Education*, both by Mary Allen. Danny will purchase copies of these for the Library.

5. From the Floor
   - The deadline for writing teams to submit their final drafts to ASC is June 12th. The committee decided to maintain their scheduled June 24 and August 7 meetings. The final report is due to ASC August 19.
   - Faculty members need financial and IT support for printing. This is affecting work on Accreditation. Danny will look into this and expedite.

6. Next Meetings
   - April 29
   - May 13

❖ Meeting adjourned: 10:00 a.m.