



STANDARD I
MISSION, ACADEMIC QUALITY
& INSTITUTIONAL
EFFECTIVENESS, & INTEGRITY



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PROGRAMS AND
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RESOURCES



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LEADERSHIP AND
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ACCREDITATION MATTERS

Accreditation Site Visit Update

As you have likely heard by now, our accreditation site visit went really well. We have not yet received the formal report from the visiting team, but based on the exit presentation we expect to receive eleven commendations, one recommendation for improvement, and four “encouragements.”

The expected commendations are:

1. Broadly publishing the college mission through showcasing of successful students in programs;
2. The commitment of the faculty, staff, and administration to institutionalization of building a culture of student learning outcomes assessment;
3. Attaining Achieving the Dream Leader College status;
4. Accelerated transfer pathways to California State University, Dominguez Hills;
5. West Expressway as another example of West Los Angeles’s commitment to student learning and achievement;
6. The College’s commitment to innovate as evidenced in technology for teaching and learning, through the Tech Fair;
7. The West Los Angeles College Participatory Governance and Planning Policy and Procedure Handbook;
8. The college’s sincere and ongoing dialogue about achieving the mission of the college and its commitment to equity;
9. The college has built a foundation for innovation with a true focus on students;
10. The commitment to the spirit of collegiality and mutual respect is notable. This spirit of collaboration and respect allows the campus the ability to take risk and innovate; and
11. Partnerships with the community.



West received one recommendation for improvement to “define and regularly assess service area outcomes for library and learning support services.”

We were also encouraged to:

1. Adopt consistent practices that allow for routine evaluation of course level data for the purposes of program review;
2. Implement a process to ensure consistency of student learning outcomes in syllabi in the associated course outlines of record;
3. Implement a process to ensure consistency between the course outline of record and the distant education addendum;
4. Develop a formal process for evaluating the administrative structure of the college.

So, let’s celebrate our accomplishments, take pride in what we are doing well, and use the feedback to ensure that all our programs and services fully meet the standards (and our students’ needs).

Quality Focus Essay Progress Report

The three action projects the College chose for its Quality Focus Essay are institutional effectiveness, outcomes assessment, and professional learning. The PIE Committee and the Office of Research and Planning lead the way as we continue to systematize the evaluation and improvement of West’s effectiveness, focusing on planning and resource allocation processes.

The second project—Outcomes Assessment—has the SLO Committee leading the way on improving the frequency and quality of dialogue about SLO/SAO assessment and improvement. Undoubtedly, you have already been contacted by your SLO Facilitator who is helping you to ensure that your SLO/SAO assessments lead to meaningful improvements. Contact Luis Cordova (cordovla@wlaac.edu) if you do not know who your SLO Facilitator is.

The Professional Learning Committee is currently drafting a college-wide Professional Development Plan, which will go through the shared governance process for adoption before the end of this semester. This plan is the first step in “establish[ing] an exemplary professional learning program.” If you’d like to be part of the planning process, contact Kimberly Manner at mannerke@wlaac.edu.

Accreditation Steering Committee

Spring 2016 Meetings

April 11, 2016

May 9, 2016

June 13, 2016

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