



MEETING OF THE ACCREDITATION STEERING COMMITTEE
MONDAY, March 2, 2015
FIRESIDE ROOM
8:00AM-9:00AM

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting started at 8:05a.m.

ROLL CALL: Members Present

Meridith Randall	Ralph Perrin
Timothy Johnston	Ramon Tello
Becky McCall	Marc Beam
Denise Axtell	Debbie Goodman

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Minutes approved from January 28th 2015.

RECENT MESSAGES FROM

BOB PACHECO:

Meridith stated that it is important that everyone on the committee is signed up for the list serve. She mentioned that there have been a lot of emails sent out by Bob Pacheco regarding the new standards. Marc stated he would send the link out.

REVIEW OF STANDARDS

BASED ON ASSIGNMENTS:

Meridith announced that the mid-term report was approved.

Meridith, Marc and Sue are all going on accreditation visits thus spring to colleges still abiding to the current standards, not the new ones. Meridith stated that in the preliminary work that we are doing for the accreditation team, there is a lot of focus on the mission. Marc and Meridith discussed the different trainings they received in regards to how online training plays into the college's mission and reports. Both trainings addressed this a little differently. Marc stated that we may need to relook at our mission statement to include online classes and the pilot four-year degree. Meridith reminded the group that there are two reports that will need to be submitted within the next six months, the substantive change

to offer the four-year degree and programs offering more than 50% classes online.

The group then addressed each standard's language and brought up areas that need more clarification.

There was conversation regarding the level of disaggregation of ISLOs, SLOs, and PLOs required to meet Standard I.B.5 & I.B.6. Marc stated that what is expected from ACCJC is what is reasonable. If we are disaggregated at some level, we will meet the minimum requirement for SLOs and that in the future we will be expected to increase the level of disaggregation. There was also discussion of the importance, intent, and usage of SLO information. Meridith stated that how we intend to use the information to make program improvements is what matters.

The committee then discussed the definition of 'program' and Marc stated that the commission will look at what it means to us. Ramon brought up past history about getting in trouble for not including program reviews in SLO's. (clarify) There was then discussion in regards to where we were and where we are now. Meridith stated that if we disaggregate the ISLOs we will be meeting the minimum qualifications for ACCJC. Ramon stated that there needs to be a discussion in regards to SLOs and PLOs, and what planning is necessary for faculty to be on the same page. Marc stated there is a tool created by IT for faculty to enter in a mid-term grade that would be tied to students' IDs. Ramon stated that we need to be careful how this is all communicated out, in regards to the usage of ISLOs, SLOs, and PLOs. Meridith stated that we do need to research more about what other colleges are doing and what will meet the standards before reporting out to faculty and college constituents.

Standard I.C-Ramon asked if we need to publish our SLO and PLO results. Meridith stated that ACCJC has asked us to provide a website to show our SLO and PLO results. She stated that we have been working on it, but it is coming down to the wire. She stated that other colleges provide a summary statement which is what we need to do. Ramon asked about the public nature of this information. Meridith stated that the expectation is that certain information is made public. Marc stated that they are looking for transparency for the public and we have posted some, but still trying to figure out what else we need to post.

Standard II.A-Ramon stated that #11 & #12 prescribes what ISLOs and GELOs should be and asked if we need to align ours with these. Meridith stated that usually colleges have similar ISLOs and GELOs and is worth looking further into to ensure that we meet this standard.

Standard II.C- Debbie stated that this is a new standard and that she looked at what other colleges are doing. She stated that we have not implemented this standard fully. Meridith stated that if any standards are not in place we need to start having the conversation with administrators. Marc stated that he has seen other colleges where every department has a mission and that we have some but not all. Meridith stated that she can start the conversation for any areas that are not implemented.

The committee then addressed how ISLO, SLO and PLO results are used. Meridith stated that one self-study that she read demonstrated ISLO, SLO and PLO results, the changes made and the results post implementation. There was then discussion on how we use our SLO results. Ralph stated that faculties meet to discuss their SLOs, but he is not sure what comes out of those meetings. He also stated that this information needs to be incorporated into the report, but we have not required it at this point. Ramon stated that the Academic Senate and the Association need to discuss how the assessment and results of ISLOs, SLOs and PLOs are used and publicized, so there is a common understanding of what this all means. Meridith agreed and proposed waiting to update constituents until we get further clarification on the new standards. The committee agreed.

The rest of the committee felt confident about their standards and did not need clarification on language used by the ACCJC.

NEXT STEPS: The committee agreed to meet in three weeks to provide enough time to gather evidence on each standard.

Side note: There was a question in regards to the annual report. Ramon stated that college council writes and this committee reads for review.

Side note: Marc mentioned the book, Five Dimensions of Quality by Linda Suskie. He stated it is a great book for learning accreditation and that the author writes in a way that is easy to understand.

NEXT MEETING: March 23rd 2015 8:00AM Location (TBD)