

CAÑADA COLLEGE

Accreditation News

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The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the campus up-to-date on what is happening with the process of accreditation at the college. We have all been working hard over the past six years on doing what is needed to meet the accreditation standards.

With the visit coming up October 21-24, 2013, there are a number of activities which will take place very quickly. This is the vehicle to keep you informed.

Message from the President

Already in my short tenure here at Cañada College, I've gained a strong sense that ours is an institution serving its community well with comprehensive, affordable, learning-centered, educational opportunities. Like other healthy institutions of higher learning, Cañada College has ever evolving programs, services, and curriculum meant to meet the needs of individual students and their potential employers, as together we shape the future of south San Mateo County.

Our partner in assuring the community, as well as the Department of Education, that our programs and services meet the high standards we expect of ourselves, is the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. Cañada College has been recognized and accredited by ACCJC since its founding in 1968. A successful, ongoing partnership between the college and the accrediting commission is essential to maintaining the mission, and promise of our faculty and staff to deliver the highest quality courses and programs to those calling Cañada College home.

I'm confident that in the coming months, due to the efforts of our participatory governance groups, Self Evaluation editing team, and Accreditation Liason Officer, the ACCJC Visiting Team will confirm what we already know ... that Cañada College is a premier institution committed to providing students with quality academic programs, career training, and support services that promote their success while facilitating the important work of campus faculty and staff.

Larry Buckley, PhD

*Cañada College
Accreditation Visit:
October 21-24, 2013*

The Planning & Budgeting Council

February 6 was the first meeting of the newly constituted Planning & Budgeting Council (formerly the College Planning Council and the Budget Committee–this council combined the functions of the two groups). The processes are all defined in our new manual *“Participatory Governance: Collaboration on Planning, Program Review and Budgeting”*. The members on this key Participatory Governance group are:

Group Represented:	Member:
Academic Senate President	David Clay
Classified Senate President	Jonna Pounds
AFT Representative	Lezlee Ware
CSEA Representative	Loretta Davis Rascon
IPC Representative	Patty (Dilko) Hall
SSPC Representative	Ruth Miller
Faculty Representatives (by Division)	
• Business, Workforce, Athletics	Nancy Wolford (Spring)
• Humanities	Jenny Costello
• Science & Technology	Martin Partlan
• Counseling and Library	Karen Oleson (Spring13) (Dave Patterson Beginning Fall 2013)
PT Faculty Representative at-large	Sarah Harmon
Classified Staff Representative at-large	Rosalina Mira
ITS or Facilities Representative	Mike Tyler
ASCC Representatives (2)	Omar Blanco Elizabeth Robles
Director of Planning, Research and Student Success	Vacant
College Business Officer	Vickie Nunes
Director of Public Information	Robert Hood
Dean	David Johnson
VPI	Linda Hayes
VPSS	Robin Richards

Your Accreditation Self-Evaluation “Editing Team”

Thanks to the many, many of you who participated in drafting sections of the Self-Evaluation! Great work! We are now in the process of transforming the Self-Evaluation into a document with “one voice”. Sarah Harmon, Doug Hirzel and Robin Richards are putting together the final touches on the document and it will be ready for broad distribution on February 20th.

We will be collecting feedback on this final draft from all of the campus participatory governance groups – Academic Senate, Classified Senate, IPC, SSPC, APC, and the Associated Student Board. Open forums will be conducted. So, please provide feedback!

Upcoming Activities

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February 6:
Formation of the new Planning & Budgeting Council (PBC) as per the Participatory Governance Manual

February 20:
PBC Meeting; Workgroups assigned sections of Self-Evaluation to review

February 20-March 15:
“Review Draft” of Self-Evaluation circulated to campus for review

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March 8:
Professional Development Day (FLEX) to review key elements of the document

March 31:
Comments incorporated into a final draft