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It has been a very busy semester and the college community has completed a number of essential tasks to fully address the standards. My sincere thanks to the entire campus for all of your hard work on drafting the self-evaluation.

Now, we are in the process of preparing for our site visit scheduled for October 21-24. There are two accreditation workshops planned to provide the campus community with more information about accreditation. They are scheduled for: Wednesday, July 10 (primarily for staff here during the summer) and Friday, August 16 (during FLEX). We hope you can attend one, or both, of them.

Larry Buckley, PhD

The 2012-17 Strategic Plan

The 2012-17 Strategic Plan is a document which incorporates the college's various plans to provide focus for the upcoming years. This Plan identifies "initiatives" for each year so that the campus can place sufficient resources in an area and accomplish great things! The eight plans which have been incorporated into the Strategic Plan include:

1. 2012-17 Cañada College Educational Master Plan
2. Cañada College Distance Education Strategic Plan
3. Cañada College Student Equity Plan
4. Cañada College Technology Plan
5. Cañada College Basic Skills Plan
6. Cañada College Sustainability Plan
7. SMCCCD 2011 Facilities Master Plan: Cañada College
8. SMCCCD 2008-13 Strategic Plan

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The Initiatives for the each of the five years include:

2012-13: Student Learning, Sustainability and Completion

2013-14: Pathways, Community and Completion

2014-15: Student Engagement, Mentorships/Internships and Completion

2015-16: Evaluation of All Plans

2016-17: New Educational Master Plan

Why Colleges Receive Recommendations and Sanctions...

What are the most common recommendations colleges might get? As we approach our October team site visit, understanding where other colleges have had "problems" is important.

For the 2012 Year, the top deficiencies causing sanctions for 28 different colleges included the areas listed below. Because we recognize the need to make certain we are addressing the standards in these areas, Cañada College activities are also described.

2012 Top Deficiencies Causing Accreditation Sanctions (28 colleges)

Planning – Recommendations for 20 colleges or 71%

Some colleges have not developed a regular annual planning process involving the entire institution, and some have not developed a Master Plan or Strategic Plan. At Cañada, we have had the annual plan/program review process for a number of years and also have adopted the 2012-17 Educational Master Plan and 2012-17 Strategic Plan.

Board Practices – Recommendations for 20 colleges or 71%

There are some colleges where the Board of Trustees interferes with the day-to-day operation of the college. We are fortunate that our San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees understands their role and delegates the day-to-day operations to the Chancellor, Presidents and faculty/staff.

Financial Stability or Management - Recommendations for 14 colleges or 50%

There is an accreditation standard requiring colleges to have policies to ensure sound financial practices and financial stability and some do not, or they do not follow them. Again, we are fortunate to have a district office that has excellent financial practices and policies and the district is financially stable.

Program Review – Recommendations for 6 colleges or 21%

Again, there are some colleges who had not conducted either the annual or comprehensive program reviews. At Cañada, all of the different areas complete their Annual Plan/Program Reviews.

Internal Governance – Recommendations for 5 colleges or 18%

Some campuses had ill-defined or unclear processes for participatory governance. One of the accreditation standards states "Faculty and administrators have substantive and clearly defined roles in institutional governance and exercise a voice in institutional policies, planning and budget that relate to their area of responsibility and expertise." The Planning and Budgeting Council adopted the new Participatory Governance Manual which outlines the roles in decision-making and this document addresses this standard. And, the participatory governance groups meet regularly.

Upcoming Activities

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May 1: PBC Meeting – Review of strategic plan and governance comments

May 7: Accreditation Oversight Committee meeting

May 15: Final Self-Evaluation approved by PBC

May 25: Commencement

Other upcoming events:

Wednesday, July 10: Workshop on what to expect in an accreditation visit

Friday, August 16: Session during FLEX on what to expect in an accreditation visit

October 21-24: Accreditation Team Site Visit