

Preparing for Accreditation Visit

Now that the ISER is nearing completion... WHAT NEXT?

Reminder: Our Responsibilities

- Accreditation is an institutional responsibility - requires everyone
 - Faculty, Classified, Students, and Administrators must be engaged
- Process for quality assurance and enhancing educational quality
 - A deep, honest inquiry into institutional strengths and areas for improvement
- ASAG serves as the organizing committee
 - Planning and supervision of the self-evaluation process

Key Dates - Looking Ahead

- ISER at VCCCD Board Meeting: October, 2022
- ISER to be submitted to ACCJC: no later than **December 15, 2022**

- **Team ISER Review: March 24, 2023**
 - One day, virtual meeting in which our visiting team develops a series of Core Inquiries
 - We may be asked for additional evidence prior to this date

- **Focused Site Visit: Week of September 25, 2023**
 - On-Site visit - Investigating Core Inquiries
 - Allows team to gather additional information via interviews, data requests, and meetings
 - Team Chair: Dr. Brian King, Chancellor of Los Rios Community College District

Preparing for Core Inquiries (March 24, 2023)

- Team will have read and analyzed our ISER
- Team members validate the college's alignment with Standards
 - Based on our narrative, analysis, and evidence provided
 - Questions and information requests will be defined on March 24th
- Core Inquiries highlight areas in the ISER that require clarification or expansion
 - Used to develop both recommendations and commendations
 - These will be sent to us around March 31st (one week after they meet)

NOTE: DE Classes Reviewed in March

- We must provide ACCJC a list of DE offerings prior to their March 24th conversation
- For the review of DE, “institutions must provide access to a sample of its online offerings”

Preparing for Focused Site Visit (Sept 25)

- Review Core Inquiries CAREFULLY - these guide how we should prepare for visit
 - Respond to all requests for additional information by the date the team requests (some may be requested sooner than the visit)
- Prior to visit (no later than Labor Day), college will prepare a brief document summarizing updates since ISER submission, primarily focused on core inquiries
- Late August, early September: Team Chair and Vice Chair will meet with Exec Team
 - Pre-visit planning and discussion on expectations and different logistics

Needs for Visiting Team

- Lodging, transportation to and from campus, and clerical/technical assistance during their visit
- A room on campus (the team room) that is centrally located and private
- Work room supplies
- Refreshments (breakfast, lunch, snacks, etc.)
- * We are NOT allowed to give the team souvenirs or gifts

What to expect during Focused Site Visit

- **PURPOSE:** The Team will validate the areas identified in the core inquiries
- Interviews will be scheduled with many of us, again focusing on the core inquiries provided to us in March
- Open Forums will be scheduled, allowing the college community to ask questions of the Visiting Team - Exec Team is encouraged to NOT attend, allowing for open dialogue
- The Team will provide the Exec Team with an “Exit Report” - this is no longer the public report that we have experienced in the past

Following the Visit

- Peer Review Team will send us their written report
 - 1st Review: College President allowed to note “errors of fact”
 - Final Report then sent to ACCJC Commission for their review
- Purpose of this report is 2-fold:
 - Provides feedback to us
 - Provides first-hand observations and analysis to the Commission so they can determine our final status
- Our status will be voted upon in ACCJC’s January 2024 meeting