CSUF
RE-ACCREDITATION PROCESS

Constituency Outreach

Spring 2007

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RE-ACCREDITATION through WASC

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges
WHY RE-ACCREDITATION?

- **Title IV Eligibility**; transferability of credit; recognition of degrees
- **Accountability & Public Credibility**
- **Institutional improvement**

Accreditation is for Us --- The Campus Community
WASC ACCREDITATION FOR THE 21st CENTURY

NEW WASC

- Accountability
- Broad Engagement
- Learning Outcomes Focus
- Locally Defined Research Questions: Selectivity
  “What Matters to CSUF”
- Emphasis on Process
- Setting Strategic Priorities

OLD WASC

- Compliance
- Assertion & Proof
- Massive Evidence: Looking Backward
- Presenting the “Ideal Institution”
- Objective: Validation Single Report
THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Sheryl Fontaine
Diana Guerin
Paul Levesque
Chris Renne
Tony Rimmer
Student Representative
Sylvia Alva
Kandy Mink-Salas
Dolores Vura
Ray Young (ALO to WASC)
THREE STAGE SELF-REVIEW PROCESS

- Institutional Proposal (October 2007)
- Capacity & Preparatory Review (Spring 2010)
- Educational Effectiveness Review (Fall 2011)
WHY A LENGTHY PROCESS?

- INQUIRY BASED - DEFINING WHAT WE ARE AND WHAT WE ASPIRE CAL STATE FULLERTON TO BECOME
- BROAD CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT
- RESEARCHABLE QUESTIONS
- CLEAR OUTCOMES
- STRONG FOCUS ON STUDENT LEARNING
Activities in Proposal Phase

- “What Matters to Departments”  
  (October – November 2006)
- Academic Affairs Forum Discussion Groups  
  (January 17, 2007; 130 attendees)
- Constituent Group Outreach Meetings  
  (February – March 2007)
- Campuswide Electronic Survey:  
  Research Themes & Priorities
- October 2007 Institutional Proposal Submitted
Preliminary Research Themes

- Addressing Needs of Student Learners
- Enhancing Campus Community
- Facilitating Student Success
- Growth and Institutional Quality
- Supporting Faculty & Staff Needs for Effectiveness
- Vision and Growth
ONGOING PLANNING EFFORTS AT CAL STATE FULLERTON

- Vision Committee on Academic Quality
  (Academic Senate)

- Facilitating Graduation Review
  (Chancellor’s Office)

- Access and Excellence
  (Campus Discussion – March 21, 2007
   Hosted by Vice Presidents Smith and Anderson)

- University Planning Committee
  (President Gordon)

- P.R.B.C. Redefinition of Roles
  (Strategic Planning Subcommittee - Bob Koch)
THE FOUR WASC STANDARDS

- **Standard 1:** Defining Institutional Purposes and Ensuring Educational Objectives
- **Standard 2:** Achieving Educational Objectives Through Core Functions
- **Standard 3:** Developing and Applying Resources and Organizational Structure to Ensure Sustainability
- **Standard 4:** Creating an Organization Committed to Learning and Improvement
Why Get Involved?

- If disengaged then future is externally defined, based on agendas of others.
- If engaged then
  
  Agendas set collaboratively
  
  Priorities shaped by campus community
  
  Resources flow to priorities
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