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Highlighting the purpose and basics of accreditation

Keeping Us Moving: Standard IIIC



Computers, networks, support, telephones, security...technology is pervasive on the community college campus. It is so critical, it gets its own subsection in Resources, Standard III of the self study.

We all know we can't seem to function these days without technology (remember those dreadful days email was down last semester?). Standard IIIC takes a look at how tech-

nology resources function at Reedley College to "achieve its broad educational purposes, including stated SLOs, and to improve institutional effectiveness."

The self study guidelines ask colleges to show that technology is tied to college planning and that the use of technology is evaluated and results are used to make improvements. It asks for evidence demonstrating that all tech resources support campus programs and services. Colleges must show their technology is not only current but that they provide training to staff and students in this

technology.

Did you know that computer service personnel manage 2,130 computers at Reedley College with 1,634 of those machines in 55 computer labs between Reedley College and the North Centers? Did you know that campus PCs are on a five-year replacement cycle? Did you know our phone system is headed for an upgrade? These are all noted in the self study, and evidence is being gathered to illustrate how these interesting facts serve to better student learning on our campuses.

January's Town Hall will focus on this and also Std. IIIB (Physical Resources).

To learn more and engage in discussion regarding Standard IIIC (Tech) and IIIB (Physical), come to the Town Hall on Tues., Jan. 18 at 3:00pm in LRC-104 (WT in AC2-149B, MC in AV1-207).

Re-visiting SLO Timelines

Once your department has begun assessing SLOs, it's time to start making the data you collect work to improve student learning.

As you begin the Spring 2011 semester, don't forget to look at your program and course SLO Assessment Timelines that you established with your colleagues last year. Timelines may be found on the SLO Assessment Blackboard site (in Organizations) under your

program's folder. If you do not see your timelines in the Timelines folder, please contact your program's recorder to see that it gets posted.

If it is time to "close the loop" and report out, please complete the appropriate SLO Assessment Reporting form and post within your program folder.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- ♦ Jan. 18 at 3:00pm in RC's LRC-104, WT's AC2-149B, & MC's AV1-207 —Town Hall meeting highlighting Standard IIIC, Technology Resources and IIIB, Physical Resources
- ♦ April 2011 — Final drafts to various constituent groups for approval
- ♦ Summer 2011 — Final draft to Board of Trustees & Chancellor
- ♦ October 2011—Accreditation team site visit

FUN FACT

IN 2008-2009, THE STUDENT SUCCESS RATE IN COURSES WAS OVER 88%. IN THAT YEAR, REEDLEY COLLEGE AWARDED 902 DEGREES AND/OR CERTIFICATES.*

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