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Highlighting the purpose and basics of accreditation

What's Happening Now?

The Steering Committee and standard sub-committees have been hard at work for the past year and half, preparing the self study document. While work on Standard IVB (Board/Administrative Organization) is almost finalized, the rest of the study is complete and is being channeled through the constituent groups (Academic and Classified Senates, ASB, and administration) for approval.

The constituent review process is crucial to ensuring collaboration and influence from all involved with Reedley College. A strong institution engages in dialogue, and getting endorsement on the self study helps ensure the

document accurately reflects college operations. The completed drafts are on Blackboard for all to review (Accreditation 2011, Drafts) .

Evidence is also important to the self study document. Thank you to all who have been asked to research and gather documents; it's almost over! A DVD will be created that contains the self study document with live links to each piece of evidence. The visiting team members will each get a copy of this DVD and a hard copy of the self study; and two copies will be made of each of the over 600 pieces of evidence. Additionally, everything on the websites (college page and Blackboard) will need

to be up to date and easily accessible (please make sure your committee and/or department takes a moment to polish its page).

Also as part of the process, the college recently submitted a Substantive Change proposal since several departments offer more than 50% of their classes online. That proposal was approved by the ACCJC in March.

Thank you to all who have been helping in this endeavor!



Reminder Checklist for SLOs & Assessment

All documentation for SLOs must be in order and accessible well before the site visit.. Be sure to:

___ Post your Assessment Timeline to your program's SLO Assessment Blackboard folder.

___ Post your Outcomes Mapping to your program's SLO Assessment Blackboard folder.

___ Post any agendas or other communications where SLOs were discussed to your program's SLO Assessment Blackboard

folder.

___ Close the loop on an assessment and post your Assessment Reporting form to your program's SLO Assessment Blackboard folder.

___ Post any assessment tools (surveys, rubrics, etc.) to your program's SLO Assessment Blackboard folder.

All forms can be found on the SLO Assessment Blackboard site under the Forms tab.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- ◆ April 2011 — All standard drafts (except IVB, which is still being updated by the district) under review by constituent groups. Chancellor reviewing the Introduction and Standard I.
- ◆ May 2011 — Remaining standard final drafts to chancellor and final formatting.
- ◆ Summer 2011 — Completed self study to Board of Trustees.
- ◆ October 2011—Accreditation team site visit..

FUN FACT

IN 2009, THE AVERAGE GPA AT RC WAS 2.2, THE RETENTION RATE WAS 89%, AND THE STUDENT SUCCESS RATE WAS 63%.* THESE STATISTICS HAVE STAYED RELATIVELY CONSISTENT SINCE 2004.

* [HTTP://IR.SCCCD.EDU/](http://ir.scccd.edu/)

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