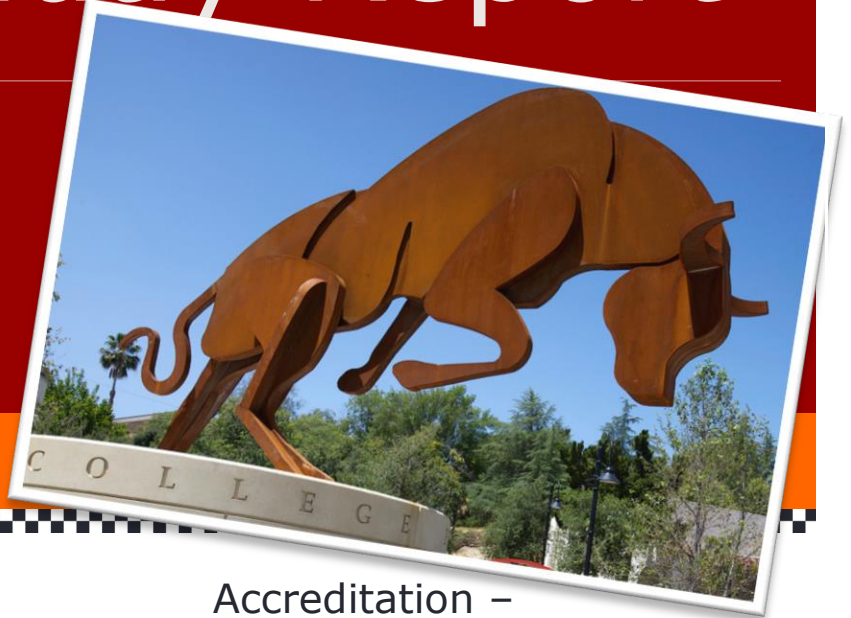


First Monday Report

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Accreditation –

Where we are now! Where we're going!

By: VP Anna Davies

A huge congratulations goes out to the dozens of faculty, staff, and administrators who have been working hard to prepare our self-evaluation over the past 20 months. Our collective work has resulted in a very strong self-evaluation and provides the foundation for a successful visit in March. I would like to provide a brief highlight of recent activities and also give you a glimpse of what is to come as we finalize our preparations for the visit in March.

President Burke-Kelly, Mia Wood, and I had an opportunity to present our self-evaluation to the Board of Trustees in December. It was a presentation on progress toward the standards, proud achievements in the areas of curriculum updates, student learning outcomes and assessment, and the continued traditions of participatory governance.

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Upcoming Events:

- Jan 21 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
College closed
- Jan 24 PCC Meeting
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
CSB



Alphabet Soup of Planning

There has been a significant amount of work completed over the past two years in the area of committees and the completion of the college plans. It's not surprising that you might find yourself lost in the alphabet soup when others describe the RAC, or the SAC, or the PEM and wonder how all of these fit together.

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Accreditation Update: now and the next few months

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The self-evaluation is currently in print and will be mailed to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) around January 11, 2013. They will then distribute the self-evaluation to the visiting team members. A copy of the current document is available online on the college's accreditation website (<http://acred.piercecollege.edu/final/Pierce%20College%20Self-Evaluation.pdf>). I encourage you to take a look at the finished product and

know you will find it a great representation of our college.

In the coming weeks we will go into a full court press to prepare for the visit. Please stay tuned for town hall meetings scheduled during the weeks of January 11th and February 11th to provide an opportunity for questions and answers. Also, short presentations will be made at the Departmental Council and the PCC meetings. If you would like to attend the PCC meeting, please do not hesitate to drop by as all are welcome.

We've seen many challenges over the past two years. We

have continued to have declining revenue, we have had to face significant changes to our bond construction program, and ultimately we faced our own version of a fiscal cliff with Proposition 30. Working together, we have met each challenge with an attitude of finding ways to continue to support students, and student learning programs and services. I am proud of our work and I look forward to introducing the visiting team to our outstanding community!



Deciphering the Soup

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It will be critical that we, as a college community, accurately describe how our committees function and which committee is responsible for each of the various college plans. Below is a brief chart to assist you in becoming familiar with how it all fits together.

Don't be shy! If you have additional questions, please ask your supervisor or plan to attend one of the upcoming town hall question-and-answer sessions. Our goal is to get you the information you need to be a full, and informed, participant in the decision-making and planning processes of the college.

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Committee Structures and Planning Processes

Pierce College Council (PCC) Makes planning, budget and policy recommendations to the college president	Academic Senate The official voice of the faculty in academic and professional items of campus-wide concern	Other
<p>ASC = Accreditation Steering Committee</p> <p>Responsible for the Self-Evaluation, midterm reports, follow-up reports, and annual reports.</p>	<p>Curriculum Committee</p> <p>Responsible for updating and reviewing course outlines, new courses, and new academic programs.</p>	<p>ASO = Associated Students Organization</p> <p>Members are encouraged to serve on campus and ASO committees.</p>
<p>BC = Budget Committee</p> <p>Responsible for managing the budget within State, District, and College guidelines</p>	<p>EPC = Education Planning Committee</p> <p>Responsible for the Education Master Plan</p>	<p>CCC = College Citizens' Committee (Bond Oversight)</p> <p>Made up of community members who monitor the expenditures of the bonds and the progress of construction in completing the college's Facilities Master Plan (FMP).</p>
<p>CPC = College Planning Committee</p> <p>Responsible for the Strategic Plan and for evaluating and updating the Pierce College Decision-Making and Planning Handbook</p>	<p>ETC = Educational Technology Committee</p> <p>D/DL = Distributed and Distance Learning</p> <p>DE = Distance Education</p> <p>Deals with the use of technology in all aspects of the delivery of learning.</p>	<p>WEC = Work Environment Committee</p> <p>Addresses and monitors workplace safety and recommends policy to the college president</p>
<p>EMC = Enrollment Management Committee</p> <p>Responsible for the PEM = Plan for Enrollment Management</p>	<p>Grants Committee (Special Resources Facilitating Committee)</p> <p>Assure that educational planning, not resource opportunities, guide program development</p>	

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Committee Structures and Planning Processes, continued

<p>Pierce College Council (PCC)</p> <p>Makes planning, budget and policy recommendations to the college president</p>	<p>Academic Senate</p> <p>The official voice of the faculty in academic and professional items of campus-wide concern</p>	<p>Other</p>
<p>FAC = Facilities Advisory Committee</p> <p>Responsible for the FMP = Facilities Master Plan (bond program planning efforts)</p>	<p>Outcomes Committee</p> <p>Responsible for the Learning Outcomes Handbook</p> <p>SLO = Student Learning Outcomes</p> <p>PLO = Program Learning Outcomes</p>	
<p>RAC = Resource Advisory Committee</p> <p>Responsible for reviewing and considering the college's resource priorities and annual resource availability.</p>	<p>SAC = Scheduling Advisement Committee</p> <p>Prioritizes program and course offerings in alignment with both the college's mission and strategic plan for optimal student learning effectiveness.</p>	
<p>TC = Technology Committee</p> <p>Responsible for the Technology Plan, which includes all aspects of technology on campus</p>	<p>Student Success Committee</p> <p>Responsible for the Equity Plan and the Matriculation Plan</p>	