Accreditation Public Forum
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General Accreditation Process

- Accreditation Steering Committee co-chairs
  - Dr. Keith Curry, Saul Panski, Barb Perez
- Focus on tasks and benchmarks, not timelines
- Steps to Accreditation as a college
  1. Apply for Eligibility: currently in progress
  2. Candidacy application: must complete Self Study
  3. When candidate, complete second Self Study
  4. Accredited as a college in ECCD
- Final step: Substantive Change Proposal to ACCJC to transfer from ECCD to CCCD

Eligibility Application Criteria
ACCJC has 21 eligibility criteria. All must be met.

The criteria were divided into five subcommittees:

1. Organization & Governance
2. Instruction and Faculty
3. Student Services / Public Information
4. Financial Integrity
5. Planning and Evaluation
Subcommittee 1:
Organization & Governance
1. Authority – Criterion Met
   • ECC is authorized to operate a center in Compton
2. Mission – Criterion Met
   • Mission statement was developed jointly by Compton & ECC
3. Governing Board – Criterion Met
   • Submit info about ECC’s Board of Trustees
4. CEO – Criterion Met
   • Dr. Fallo is the CEO of the Compton Center

5. Administrative Capacity
   • Criterion Met
   • However:
     • Some functions handled by ECC on behalf of Center
     • Need a plan for these functions to transition to Compton so the accredited college can move from ECCD to CCCD

6. Operational Status – Criterion Met
   • Institution is operating
   • Students are pursuing and earning degrees

Subcommittee 2:
Instruction and Faculty
7. Degrees – Criterion Met
   • Programs lead to degrees
   • Significant proportion of students are enrolled in degree & certificate programs
8. Educational Programs – Criterion Met
   • Programs have sufficient length, content, and rigor for degrees and student outcomes
9. Academic Credit – Criterion Met
   • Credit is awarded following accepted practices
Subcommittee 2: (cont)
Instruction and Faculty

10. Student Learning and Achievement
   • Criterion partially met
     ▪ 69% of course and program SLOs will be assessed by Spring 2012
     ▪ Must document how course & program assessments improve student learning/achievement
     ▪ Must have documentation showing links between assessment, planning, budgeting, and student learning
     ▪ Documentation anticipated by June 2013

Subcommittee 2: (cont)
Instruction and Faculty

11. General Education – Criterion Met
   ▪ General education is a substantial part of degree programs

12. Academic Freedom – Criterion Met
   ▪ Academic Freedom assured by contracts and board policies

13. Faculty – Criterion Met
   ▪ Faculty meet state and ECC minimum qualifications
   ▪ Faculty review curriculum and assess learning

Subcommittee 3:
Student Services and Public Information

14. Student Services – Criterion Met
   ▪ Full range of student services available to support learning & success and the mission

15. Admissions – Criterion Met
   ▪ Admissions policies follow state practices

16. Information and Learning Resources
   ▪ Criterion Met
   ▪ Concerns about library collection, budget support for databases/licenses, new LRC
Subcommittee 3: Student Services and Public Information (cont)

20. Public Information – Criterion Met
   - Catalog and schedules are accurate, current, and comply with ACCJC and state regulations

Subcommittee 4: Financial Integrity

17. Financial Resources
   - Criterion not met
   - Problems with accounting data accuracy
   - Insufficient support for some Center programs
   - Post-Emp. Benefits: $14 million liability is unmet

18. Financial Accountability
   - Criterion not met
   - Recent audits: significant findings
   - Concern re: "Sound Fiscal Management" checklist
   - Need timely audits without significant findings

Subcommittee 5: Planning and Evaluation

19. Institutional Planning and Evaluation
   - Criterion not met
   - Educational Master Plan (EMP) must be adopted
     - Final draft is nearly complete
   - EMP must be integrated with planning and budgeting processes
   - Links must be documented
   - Must evaluate the planning and budgeting process and measure progress towards goals
21. Relations with the Accrediting Commission

- Criterion will be met
- Responsibilities handled by the Accreditation Liaison Officer
- No problems expected with this criterion

Summarizing

- Of the 21 ACCJC Eligibility criteria:
  - 16 criteria are met (1–9, 11–16, 20)
  - 1 criterion is partially met (10)
  - 3 criteria are not met (17, 18, 19)
  - 1 criterion will be met when filing application (21)
  - A few other criteria have areas of concern (5, 16)

Questions?

- The rest of the time is devoted to answering your questions.
- What questions do you have?