Campus Forum May 15, 2014



Imperial Valley College

Our Mission

To develop our short-range plan to get off of sanction and restore full accreditation for our institution.

Accreditation Forum May 2014: Talking Points

- The Accreditation Team visit concluded on April 15, 2014 without an exit conference.
- The information shared today comes from two sources-comments made by team members and the draft evaluation report sent to the college for fact checking only.
- The team was complimentary on the openness of those they spoke with and ability to produce documents at the last minute.

Recommendation 1: Planning

- Complete the Cycle of Planning, including tying planning to resource allocations – the budget.
- The planning process must align with the Strategic Plan.
- We should not change our planning process until we complete this next year's cycle.

Recommendation 1: Planning Processes

- Participation in its participatory governance committees needs to include more members of the college community.
- Information Literacy information notifications and issues appear to be resolved.
- ▶ The Good News: We are almost there.

Recommendation 7: Student Learning Outcomes Effectiveness as part of Faculty and other evaluations responsible for SLO's

This Recommendation appears to have been resolved.

Recommendation 8: Financial Stability

- The college must be in full compliance with the standards by next March.
- The issues are: <u>Balanced Budget</u>, <u>Prudent Reserve Level</u>, <u>Funding Long Term Debt</u>.
- Financial Strategy that has ongoing expenses that meets ongoing revenue (we can't use reserves to balance the budget going forward).
- Financial Strategy to begin funding the College's Long Term Debt (Health Insurance benefits for retirees).
- Financial Strategy to fund the reserve at a prudent level (IVC has a Board Policy that states, our prudent reserve level is 16.6%).

Recommendation 8: Financial Stability (continued)

- ▶ The 2015-16 budget must be completed and balanced, with increasing reserves and OPEB funding by January/February 2015 to demonstrate that changes made in 2014-15 are permanent going forward -
 - This means that Program Review, resource allocations, and final decisions regarding resource allocations must be completed by December 2014.

Action Needed to Meet Full Compliance

- The timeline to respond to these recommendations is very short and we will need teams to work on the response to these over the summer.
- In order to meet this requirement we must do the following:
 - Complete the program review cycle, evaluate the process, produce evidence that resource requests have been linked to Institutional goals and then to the budget or a plan has been developed to address needs.
 - Implement and Complete a Cycle in Strategic Planning On Line (SPOL) across all areas, and all modules are in use.
 - Committees are staffed with members who agree to participate and meetings are scheduled throughout the year (evidence of meetings must show that the committee meetings are held regularly and attendance is adequate).

Action Needed to Meet Full Compliance, Fiscal Stability

- The college must develop a strategy (not a bandaid but a permanent fix) to have a balanced budget for 2014-15 and going forward: <u>The</u> <u>budget is due on September 15, 2014.</u>
- The college must demonstrate that IVC is in the process of funding the reserve at its prudent level -
 - in other words the 2014-15 budget must show that the reserve is growing, not decreasing, and we have not tapped into reserves to balance the budget.
- The college must produce evidence that the college is implementing its strategy to fund long term debt and liabilities (example: Other Post Employment Benefits - OPEB).

Guiding Principles for Restoration of IVC's Fiscal Stability

- A comprehensive budget strategy that accounts for ongoing expenditures being less than or equal to ongoing revenue must be established.
- The budget strategy must adequately address the establishment of a prudent reserve and a reasonable attempt to fund future liabilities, such as OPEB.
- There shall be no general fund encroachment by categorical programs, beyond mandated subsidies or match requirements, without documented authorization.
- If program reductions are to be made, highest priority shall be given to minimizing impacts on students and must be aligned with strategic planning.

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