



Santa Rosa Junior College

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES	ITEM NO.
FROM: PRESIDENT	15
SUBJECT: ACCJC/WASC Accreditation Update	DATE 10-8-13
REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION INFORMATION	ENCLOSURES 1 of 2

BACKGROUND

This is the first in a series of reports to the Santa Rosa Junior College Board of Trustees during the 2013-2014 academic year regarding progress on SRJC's Accreditation Self Evaluation Report, due to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges/Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC) in spring 2015.

The SRJC Self Evaluation preparation officially began last fall when a District team of managers and faculty (Abe Farkas, Karen Furukawa, Kris Abrahamson, Doug Roberts, Tony Ichsan, Patie Wegman, Cherry Li-Bugg, Robin Fautley and Wanda Burzycki) attended a training session given by the ACCJC/WASC for colleges undertaking the self evaluation process.

In spring 2013 the recruitment and organization process for the SRJC Self Evaluation Report began in earnest. Wanda Burzycki, Accreditation Self Evaluation Faculty Co-Chair, recruited volunteers for the Standard Committees from a variety of college governance groups, such as the Academic Senate, Petaluma Faculty Forum, Classified Senates on both the Santa Rosa and Petaluma campuses, SEIU and Associated Students. This effort, along with two college-wide emails, resulted in approximately 90 volunteers, including faculty, staff, managers and students. These volunteers were brought together on April 12, 2013 for an Accreditation Orientation workshop, where Standard Committee members learned about the process and made plans for their future meetings.

Over the summer, Standard Committee members began gathering information to address their standards. Robert Thompson, SRJC's Web Design Specialist, developed the official Accreditation 2015 Web site, which was presented to the Board in July, 2013. Since then, IT staff have created a confidential SharePoint Web site where committee members can post drafts, provide feedback and list sources of evidence.

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At the fall 2013 Professional Development Activities (PDA) Day, Wanda Burzycki and Mary Kay Rudolph held a “how-to” writing workshop for Standard Committee volunteers. Committees are meeting regularly during the fall semester to gather evidence, conduct interviews and write their sections of the first draft of the Self Evaluation Report. Committees will be completing their drafts by the end of October, 2013, reviewing content and recommendations during November, 2013 and submitting the drafts for review by the Self Evaluation Faculty Co-Chair and the Accreditation Liaison Officer on December 2, 2013. The first draft of the Self Evaluation Report will be available for review and comment by the college community in spring 2014.

Board information reports later in the academic year will highlight the issues and concerns that the Self Evaluation Report has reviewed and analyzed.