

Sonoma State University WASC Steering Committee

Monday, September 28, 2015
Minutes

Agenda

1. Meeting dates and times
2. Review Accreditation History
3. Review WSCUC Standards and CFRs
4. CLA – Critical Thinking/Information Literacy

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1. Welcome

AVP Richard Whitkus – called meeting to order at 2:04pm

2. Set Future meeting dates and times

Mondays from 3-4:30pm in STEV 1041
10/26/15, 11/30/15 and 12/14/15

3. CLA (Collegiate Learning Assessment)

Richard explained the CLA has five major areas of assessment and is used to assess the progress of critical writing skills of freshmen in the fall semester and seniors in the spring.

Discussed various ways used in the past to promote participation from faculty.

Discussed the needs for upcoming assessment

- Need five separate freshman classes to participate (100-125 students)
- A \$500 stipend is being offered to faculty to entice their participation in polling their classes

Workshops coming up for those who are interested in attending

- 10/9/15 Mills College in Oakland
- 11/19-11/20 CSU Pomona – helpful to those who are “writing” the reports

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A&F agreed to fund \$300,000 for WASC related expenses (\$150,000 per year for the next 2 years).

WASC expenses should be charged to **SO100-1011**, routed through Richard Whitkus for appropriate approval.

4. History

Richard discussed the history of WASC and provided information from past reviews. There is an accreditation link on the SSU website: <http://www.sonoma.edu/aa/ap/accred/>

Academic Programs	Accreditation
Curriculum Development	<p>Sonoma State University is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). In addition, individual program accreditations have been granted by the American Chemical Society, the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), the Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), the National Association for Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), and the Association to Advance Colleges and Schools of Business. Programs in SSU's School of Education are approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).</p> <p>The Associate Vice President for Academic Programs is the Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) for SSU.</p> <p> Information about WASC</p>
Program Review/Assessment	
Accreditation	
November 2012 Report	
Archived Portfolio	
Special Programs	
Initiatives	
Resources & Helpful Links	

ACTION ITEM for Committee:

Read letter and review points needing improvement from the November 2012 report

The WASC written report is due December 2016 or January 2017
Offsite review will take place during Spring 2017
Onsite accreditation review sometime Fal2017

Committee asked Richard to post the final 11/12 interim report to the website above.

5. Review Standards

Handout discussed "Review under WSCUC Standards and Compliance with Federal Requirements Worksheet". Richard presented his idea on how to divide up the standards. The department/division that aligns the most with the defining criteria should take the lead on that

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standard. They would then present their findings/report to the committee for review and discussion.

Committee discussion and agreement made.

Standard 1: Defining Institutional Purposes and Ensuring Educational Objectives

Assigned lead: ACT, Deans Council, Chairs

Standard 2: Achieving Educational Objectives Through Core Functions

Assigned lead: Senate / Schools

Standard 3: Developing and Applying Resources and Organizational Structures to Ensure Quality and Sustainability

Assigned lead: Administration and Finance with support from Faculty Affairs

Standard 4: Creating an Organization Committed to Quality Assurance, Institutional Learning, and Improvement

Assigned lead: IR with support from IT

ACTION ITEM for committee:

Each lead group should start working on first round of assessment comments and notes.

Start listing on worksheet where evidence exists.

Send compilation of 1st level of review to Richard prior to October 26th.

First level from each group will be sent out to all committee members prior to the October 26th meeting for review.

CSU Eastbay just finished their WASC review and were granted reaccreditation for 10 years. You can review their results on: <http://www20.csueastbay.edu/about/institutional-effectiveness/>

On 10/21/15 the WASC Liaison will be on campus to provide overview of accreditation process. All committee members and ACT members are encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned 2:44pm