

Notes for meeting on October 20, 2010

Augmentation of the Accreditation Steering Committee:

In response to the Follow-up report from October 15, 2010, stating, “In preparation for the 2011 Focused mid-term report, the college will be augmenting the membership of the Institutional Planning Committee with additional members of the college community to serve as the Accreditation Steering Committee.

The original augmentation of this committee was a combination of the Institutional Planning Committee, and the co-chairs from the Workgroups 1, 2, 3 or their designee. So, this includes myself, Michael Gong, Sue Handy, and Dona DeRusso as our Classified Representatives.

The concern is that we need to focus directly on the pending and continuing Accreditation follow-up by having broad discussions that are above and beyond the Integration Council’s duties. The Accreditation status is a charge of the Institutional Planning Committee, and we did increase our numbers to include the co-chairs from the various accreditation work groups, but we need to go further than that.

On September 30th, there was a change to the composition of the Accreditation Steering Committee to add four faculty members per an agreement between our former President and the Faculty Senate President, in reference to the initial follow-up report statement, and with notice of the academic and professional matter that requires faculty involvement.

I did take issue with the way this agreement between faculty and Judy was entered into. Peter Garcia assured me at Accreditation Steering Committee that he would consider a request from Classified to invite members to augment the Steering Committee in kind. And, today we will be meeting with Peter and discussing the addition of classified membership to comply with the augmentation mentioned in the October 15th follow-up report.

Accreditation Self Study Planning Agenda:

This document was presented to the Accreditation Steering Committee on October 11th. It is a reflection of our progress in regard to Self Study. I am bringing it to the Classified Senate to share as evidence of the progress that has been made at DVC to meet the charges from the Show Cause and follow up reports.

This is based on our strategic directions, and the items that have been required from us since Fall, 2008. What I would invite you to do is review this document, paying close attention to things that may directly affect your area on the campus.

See if you know about any of the findings – the plan, action steps, if your area is mentioned as a participant, did you participate? A lot of it will not apply directly to any of us, but we need to ensure that the information we are making public is accurate.