Assessment Committee

There have been two meetings of the Assessment Committee during the month of September. The details of these meetings are included in the posted minutes. Much of our discussion so far has been establishing our goals for the year and discussing the current course-level assessment deadlines. Our initial list of topics for this year include:

1. Evaluate the effectiveness of the current forms and processes for recording assessment results and dialogue. A portion of this review will include an evaluation of review the “Open and Closing Loop Process


3. Coordinate with the Canvas LMS group about use of incorporating Canvas into the assessment process.

4. Coordinate assessment of the new Area E of the general education requirements. This requires establishing a new General Education outcome (or outcomes) and review of the existing outcomes.

5. Continue to monitor our adherence of a 2-year cycle of assessing all course-level, program-level, General Education-level, and Institutional-level outcomes.

Basic Skills Committee

The Basic Skills Committee has completed its Basic Skills Annual Report Plan and forwarded it for review by the Academic Senate, Expanded Cabinet, and Board. This year’s Basic Skills plan is tied into the SSSP and Student Equity Plans. The Basic Skills request for funding form has been revised to make it easier to track and gain access to approved funds. We are know gearing up for basic skills funded project updates and assessments, as well as, identifying intervention strategies for basic skills students on probation as outlined in the SSSP.

College Council

Council reviewed 22 new business items. 13 were sent out for constituent review, 1 was postponed, and 8 were sunset recommendations. The Council reviewed 8 old business items which were all approved to send to the Board for a first read.

The next College Council meeting will be on October 6th.

CRFO

College of the Redwoods Faculty Organization represents all CR faculty in collective bargaining agreements with Redwoods Community College District and through any need for grievance. We have recently arrived a important agreements as revised articles to the Collective Bargaining Agreement as well as individual memorandum of understanding and stipends and reassignment for work beyond contractual requirements. CRFO is affiliated with twelve other independent faculty unions through the California Community College Independents organization, which meets bi-annually to discuss and act upon issues of importance to California Community College faculty unions. In addition, the CRFO Executive Committee meets twice per month for advice and consent on matters relevant to our local independent faculty organization. Anyone with questions regarding CRFO should contact 2014-15 CRFO President Peter Blakemore, at 476-4314 or at peter-blakemore@redwoods.edu.
The CR Committee Digest provides important updates from the Planning and Senate Committees. Visit here for detailed information about the committee: inside.redwoods.edu
Visit the committee calendar to see the next time each committee meets: CR's calendar of committee meetings

Enrollment Management Committee
The Enrollment Management Committee met on October 6 and discussed its scope. The members agreed to change purpose of the Committee to read as follows: In support of the college’s mission and strategic plan, the Enrollment Management Committee analyzes trends and uses data to recommend strategies to optimize enrollment.

The Committee also refined its representative task to:

- Recommend strategies to meet and sustain enrollment targets;
- Recommend a comprehensive recruitment and retention plan; and
- Recommend purposeful linkage between marketing, recruitment, and branding.

Expanded Cabinet
Expanded Cabinet met on September 15 and discussed the following agenda items:
1. Budget Update
2. Presidential Search Process
3. Institutional Effectiveness Report
4. Update on Educational Centers
5. Open Forums for Fall 2014
6. ACCJC Matrix of Responsibilities
7. Review Draft Reports
   • Accreditation Midterm Report
   • Student Success and Support Program Plan (SSSP)
   • Student Equity Plan
   • Basic Skills Report
   • Substantive Change Proposal for Distance Education
8. 50th Anniversary – Saturday, October 4, 2014
9. Science Night – Friday, October 24, 2014
10. Update on Bookstore

Institutional Effectiveness
*The IEC has published the Institutional Effectiveness report for 2013-2014:
http://inside.redwoods.edu/ipm/ier.asp

*The IEC is asking all committees to review the new accreditation standards. Standards related to the work of the committees should be reviewed to determine if there is sufficient evidence to show that the standard is being met, or if additional work is needed.

*The IEC is also asking all planning committees to identify their exact constituent membership and terms. The IEC will maintain this information so that there is ongoing consistency in the makeup of these committees.

Program Review Committee
An annual program review template has been developed for instruction. This template is similar to that used last year except it does not include the data analysis section, and asks fewer in-depth questions related to assessment. The comprehensive template is almost identical to the template used last year. Each program will use the comprehensive template once every three years. Division Deans can provide more information about this cycle.

Questions related to program efforts in support of the annual institutional theme of persistence have been added to the annual and comprehensive templates.