



Friday, March 28, 2008

That which we persist in doing becomes easier, not that the task itself has become easier, but that our ability to perform it has improved. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Where the Action Is

- Academic Senate
Fri, 4/4 1:00-3:00 Board Room
- Academic Standards and Policies
Fri, 4/11 3:00-5:00 LRC 107
- Academy of the Redwoods
Advisory
Fri, 4/11 1:00-3:00 LRC107
- Accreditation Steering Comm.
Wed, 4/2 3:30-5:00 Board Room
- Assessment Team
Fri, 4/11 1:00-3:00 Lakeview
- Board of Trustees
Tues, 4/6 & 7 Mendocino Coast
Campus
- Coordinated Planning Council
Fri, 4/11 9:00-11:30 Lakeview
- Curriculum Committee
Fri, 4/11 1:00-3:00 Board Room
- Facilities Committee
Fri, April 11 Time/Location TBA
- Institutional Effectiveness
Wed, 4/2 12:00-1:00 Board Room
- Multicultural and Diversity
Fri, 4/4 11:30-1:00 LRC 107
- Program Review Committee
Fri, 4/11 9:00-11:00 Board Room
- Technology Advisory Group
Thurs, 4/3 8:30-9:30 Board Room

Accreditation Update

Progress Report

The CR accreditation progress report is complete, and it, along with an evidence packet, was mailed on March 28, 2008 to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. The report describes in specific detail the significant progress CR has made toward fully addressing the ACCJC recommendations, and the evidence list is powerful documentation of CR's changing institutional culture. Copies of the progress report and evidence list are available for viewing in each division office, the library, and online at <http://printranet.redwoods.edu/accreditation/2008Documents/>.

ACCJC Team Site Visit

A special team of experts from the ACCJC will visit the Eureka campus on **Friday, April 4, 2008**. Dr. **Steven Kinsella**, Superintendent-President of Gavilan College, will return as Chair of the visiting team. Joining Dr. Kinsella will be Dr. **Sherrill Amador**, former Superintendent-President of Palomar Community College District. During the visit, the team will meet with key members of various work units to discuss the important accomplishments made by CR since October 2007.

Preparing for the Site Visit

On April 3 from 12:00-1:00 in LRC 105, CR is holding one more **Accreditation/Strategic Planning Update session** in preparation for the April 4 ACCJC team visit. Representatives from the functional planning groups and the Accreditation Leadership Team will provide a brief synopsis of our accreditation and planning work to date and will offer information regarding our upcoming site visit. The April 3 presentation will be broadcast to the Del Norte and Mendocino Coast campuses and will be videotaped and made available to those unable to attend the meeting. As President Harris has said, it is very important that all of us are informed about the progress the college has made to satisfy the recommendations from the commission and to ensure that the college is vital and effective. Be sure to attend this meeting if you missed the presentations on March 27 & 28.

After the Site Visit

CR will produce and submit to the ACCJC in **May 2008** an addendum to the April 1 accreditation progress report that describes progress CR makes in April and May toward institutionalizing the processes and practices outlined in the ACCJC's recommendations. **President Harris** and a selected team of CR representatives will appear in front of the ACCJC in June to make a brief statement and answer questions, and the Commission will rule on CR's accreditation status in **July 2008**.

Did you know...



- As a result of the Scholarship Office's commitment to excellence and student success, CR is awarding 150 scholarships totaling \$80,000 to 128 CR students this year. The awards range from \$75 to \$2,000, with an average award of \$600. These scholarships help students pay for text books, computers, child care, transportation to & from school, and other essentials, and they offer important recognition of student achievement. The extra effort put forth by the 25 volunteer application readers from across campus helps CR make a real difference in students' lives.



Point and Click: Websites Worth Visiting

Community College Week
Magazine

<http://www.ccweek.com/>

Center for Student Success

<http://css.rpgroup.org/>

International Debate
Education Association

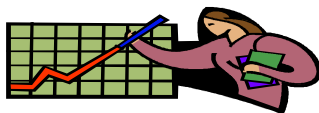
(includes a searchable debate
database and teaching tools)

<http://www.idebate.org/>

You need to know...

- CR recently launched the "Assessment and Program Review" website <http://inside.redwoods.edu/Assessment/index.asp>. The site offers links to
 - every 2007/08 instructional program, student services, and administrative program review;
 - program review schedules;
 - historical program review data;
 - the assessment training schedule;
 - assessment tools and data; and
 - the program review guide.
- All faculty, staff, and administrators are *strongly* encouraged to attend the **April 3 meeting in LRC 105 from 12:00-1:00** to prepare for the accrediting team's site visit to CR on April 4. The meeting will cover the scheduled events for the visit and provide opportunities for questions and discussion.

Data Watch



Spring 2008 enrollments compared to
Spring 2007 enrollments as of 3/27/08.

Eureka	+2.8%
Del Norte	+16.7%
Mendocino	- 1.9%
Virtual Campus	+77.0%
Eureka Downtown	+9.2%
Arcata	+5.1%



★ Alan Gibbs,

Lynn Lozier-Hannon, Boshia Struve, Printing Services, who provided the accreditation leadership team with generous amounts of patience, expertise, and helpfulness and successfully got the accreditation progress report printed and bound within a tight schedule. ★

★ Sally Frazier, Academic Support Staff, who provided essential assistance in creating the accreditation progress report evidence book. ★

★ Everyone who reviewed and commented on multiple accreditation progress report drafts: Tracey Thomas, Leslie Haddock, Michael Regan, Sally Frazier, Dave Bazard, Ruby Jager, Ruth Moon, Jason Leppaluoto, George Truett, Sue Alton, Jose Ramirez, Amy Daily, Cathy Dickerson, Pat McCutcheon, Gary Sokolow, Tom Harris, Keith Snow-Flamer, Kerry Mayer, Tami Matsumoto, Ron Cox, Martha Davis, Tim Flanagan, Steve Stratton, Roxanne Metz, Lynn Thiesen, Pam Kessler, & Cheryl Tucker. ★

★Lynn Thiesen and the entire Financial Aid office crew, who have provided shelter for the accreditation leadership team since February and have patiently tolerated the team's noise and mess. ★

Have an item or idea you'd like to see included in the next *Linkages*?

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