



Friday, April 25, 2008

They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.

-Andy Warhol

### Where the Action Is

- Academic Senate  
Fri, 5/2 1:00-3:00 Board Rm.
- Academic Standards and Policies  
Fri, 5/9 3:00-5:00 LRC 107
- Acad. of the Redwoods Advisory  
Fri, 5/9 1:00-3:00 LRC107
- Accreditation Steering Comm.  
Wed, 4/30 3:30-5:00 Board Rm.
- Assessment Team  
Fri, 5/9 1:00-3:00 Lakeview
- Board of Trustees  
Tues, 5/6 3:00-5:00 Board Rm.
- Coordinated Planning Council  
Fri, 5/2 9:00-11:30 Lakeview
- Curriculum Committee  
Fri, 5/9 1:00-3:00 Board Rm.
- Facilities Committee  
Fri, 5/2 Time/Location TBA
- Institutional Effectiveness  
Wed, 4/30 12:00-1:00 Board Rm.
- Institutional Research Advisory Committee  
Fri, 5/2 9:00-10:30
- Multicultural and Diversity  
Fri, 5/2 11:30-1:00 LRC 107
- Program Review Committee  
Fri, 5/2 9:00-11:00 Board Rm.
- Technology Advisory Group  
Thurs, 5/1 8:30-9:30 Board Rm.

### The Ever-Current Course Inventory

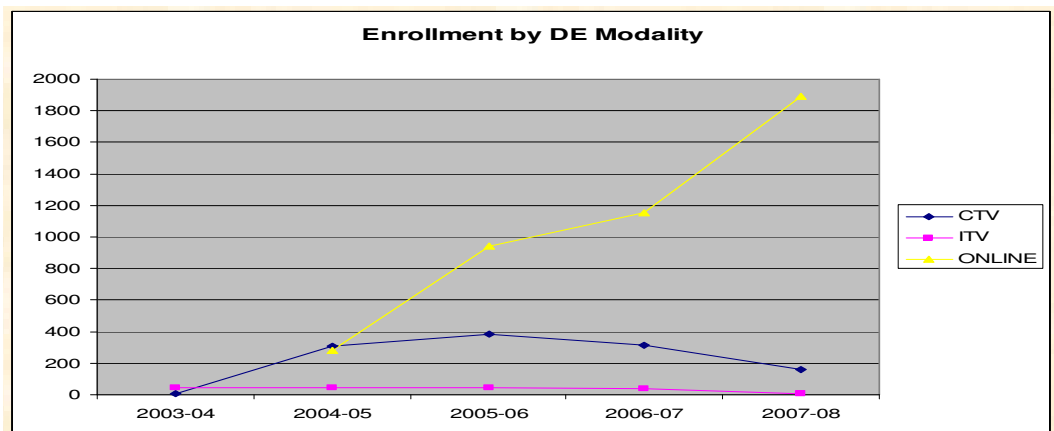
Some of the benefits of CR's accreditation-related work this year are new strategies for increasing institutional effectiveness. For example, the mountains of course outline rewriting we've done this year prompted the Curriculum Committee, Academic Senate, and Chief Instructional Officer to institute a new procedure for ensuring course outline currency and to prevent CR from ever having to deal with a deluge of course outline work again. This new procedure works as follows:

- ◆ The Curriculum Committee will track course outline currency and forward to the Senate recommendations to remove courses from the college catalog when the course outlines have not been reviewed or updated for over five years (Title V requires courses to be updated every five years). Before the Curriculum Committee makes these recommendations, though, it will inform the department/division of this intended action and offer faculty help with the updating process and the opportunity to request a one-semester extension for affected courses, during which time the courses will continue to be listed in the catalog.
- ◆ In extenuating circumstances, the Curriculum Committee may grant a second one-semester extension, for a total of one academic year, and the Curriculum Committee will remove courses from the catalog after two one-semester extensions if the outlines have still not been updated.
- ◆ Each discipline, with the assistance of the Curriculum Committee chair and the Chief Instructional Officer, will develop and maintain a five year course outline update schedule to ensure that course outline updating work is ongoing and manageable.

This new procedure should be an effective tool in managing our course updating workload and ensuring that every course in our inventory remains legally compliant.

### Data Watch

Enrollment by DE Modality



## Did you know...

- ◆ The **Distance Education Program** at CR is dedicated to using the creative application of technology to extend student access to higher education. While maintaining the college's standards of quality, distance education creates successful learning environments and decreases such barriers to student learning as time constraints, remote locations, and disabilities. CR's DE offerings support the Strategic Plan by ensuring student access. To find out more about what's happening in the DE program, talk with **Mark Winter**.
- ◆ The **Assessment Team** continues to work hard toward its goal of establishing a framework for effective, ongoing assessment at CR. The Team has been investigating approaches used by other colleges to implement outcomes assessment in ways that promote authentic, meaningful, productive assessment. The Team plans to finish its master list of definitions of terms for outcomes assessment by the end of the spring term and will be scheduling training sessions for faculty and staff prior to convocation in the fall.

## You need to know...

### Hiring Updates:

- ◆ On-campus interviews of prospective **art faculty** are scheduled for the week of April 25.
- ◆ The **sociology faculty hiring committee** and the **math faculty hiring committee** are currently reviewing applications and will soon conduct phone and on-campus interviews.
- ◆ The **director positions for the Del Norte and Mendocino education centers** are currently being advertised, and the first date of application review for these positions is May 30, 2008.
- ◆ The **Dean of Learning** position description is currently being revised and will be considered for approval by senior staff at their next meeting.
- ◆ The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges will host the **2008 Faculty Leadership Institute on June 12-14, 2008** at the Newport Beach Hyatt in Newport Beach, California. The Institute provides assistance and training to faculty members to empower them to run stronger, more effective local senates. Through a variety of Institute activities, participants learn to identify the role and function of local senates as well as their relationship to the statewide Academic Senate, the Chancellor's Office, other consultation groups, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and the Legislature. Participants will be limited to 50 faculty leaders on a first come first serve basis with a limit of 3 per college.  
<http://www.asccc.org/Events/Faculty.htm>



↔ **George Truett, Board of Trustees, Tracey Thomas, DSPS, and Marla Gleave, Athletics/PE**, who conducted follow-up site visits at the college(s) of CR presidential candidate(s).↔



### Point and Click: Websites Worth Visiting

**American Association of Community Colleges** <http://www.aacc.nche.edu/>

**Chancellor's Office for California Community Colleges Data Mart**  
<http://www.cccco.edu/SystemOffice/Divisions/TechResearchInfo/MIS/DataMartandReports/tabid/282/Default.aspx>

**Women in Higher Education**  
<http://www.wihe.com>

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