Excellence and Distinction: Our Pathway to Accreditation with Research Office's Skills

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Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport
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Learning Outcomes

- Attendees will understand how to leverage shared governance committees and processes for accreditation.
- Attendees will understand how to leverage technology when managing thousands of pieces of evidence.
Organization and Process

- Lessons Learned
- Accreditation Steering Committee
- Theme, Tagline & Swag
- Calendar & Timeline
- Gap Analysis
- Ongoing Training and Presentations
- Where does Research and IE Office fit?
Lessons Learned

Areas of Focus
- Post 2010 Self-Evaluation Process
  - Post Accreditation Reflection
  - Academic Senate Accreditation Taskforce
  - Classified Communication Summit
  - Managers Survey
- Areas of Focus
  - Create ongoing Accreditation Steering Committee
  - Provide more opportunities for Classified to be authentically engaged
  - Create more and varied training opportunities
  - Weave accreditation into College’s day-to-day operations

Which of the Areas of Focus do you think we accomplished by 2017?
Accreditation Steering Committee

- The Accreditation Steering Committee (ASC) guides progress and the processes related to ongoing accreditation.
- Governance Committee
- Members are experts on accreditation policies and standards and serve as a resource to the campus.
- Workgroup

Humanity
Theme, Tagline, and Swag

- **Theme:** Got Evidence?
- **Tagline:** Excellence and Distinction: Our Pathway to Accreditation
- **Swag:** t-shirt, lanyard, bag, flashlight
- **Signature:** red shoes
Calendar & Timeline

- Coordination of tasks, activities, meetings, and deadlines
- Campus communication tool for progression through Self-Evaluation process
Gap Analysis

- Alignment of new Standards to ongoing college committee work
- Initial analysis by committees of meeting the standards
- Accreditation Steering Committee analysis of individual standard gaps and overall college themes
Ongoing Training Presentations

- Hallmark of process
- Used to address Lessons Learned
- Continual communication with all campus constituencies
  - Faculty FLEX Days
  - Classified Professional Development Days
  - Board Meetings and Study Sessions
  - Management Meetings
  - Town Hall Meetings
  - CSEA Specialized Training
  - Writing Team Training
  - Dialogue Day
Pride in Our Work!

- 550+ page Self-Evaluation (easy to read)
- 1,600+ pieces of evidence (easy to find)
  - Reviewed, evaluated, and refined
- Mt. SAC met ALL Standards!
Benefits

- Improved participation of all constituents
- Improved understanding of accreditation
- Exceptional level of understanding of College
- Easy to read Self-Evaluation
- Easy to find and analyze evidence
- Great ideas for future
Research Team Extraordinaire
Team Building

- Professional team work
- Learned about campus; Opened doors
Techie Fun…or Was it?

- Leveraged Technology
  - Smartsheet.com
  - MS Word, Server, Macros, & Macros
  - And…Proof of Concept
- Future: InDesign, ADA, Workflow specifics, Number LAST
Lessons Learned for 2017

- Research Learned Many Things
- Ask the College what they learned
  - Survey
  - Focus group
  - Guided discussions
Promising Practices

- Bring Humanity into Accreditation
- Create experts
- Partners
- Leverage Technology
- Other....