## AP 3200 Compliance with Accreditation Standards

Reference: <u>ACCJC</u> Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 21; ACCJC

Accreditations, Standard I.C.12 and 13; IV.B.1.i. Title 5

Section 51016

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The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (District) colleges shall adhere to the standards and requirements identified by a regional federally-recognized accrediting agency designated by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

The following guidelines apply to the District colleges' preparation of the comprehensive Self Evaluation of Educational Quality and Institutional Effectiveness Report (Self Evaluation Report) -for reaffirmation of accreditation by the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), a part of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC):

- 1. The development of a Self\_Evaluation Report and any other materials necessary to support accreditation or reaffirmation of accreditation shall begin no less than two years before the accreditation visit.
- 2. The college presidents shall appoint Accreditation Liaison Officers who are responsible for coordinating all necessary activities in preparation for the visit by the visiting team and subsequent reports and visits.
- 3. Each college shall have an Accreditation Steering Committee that:
  - includes
    - A faculty co-chair, appointed by the Academic Senate,
    - An administrative co-chair (typically the Accreditation Liaison Officer), appointed by the president, and
    - Other appropriate representatives of administration, faculty, classified staff, students and district services, and
  - ensures broad and active, participation in the writing and review of the Self Evaluation Report
- 4. The Accreditation Steering Committee will establish a regular meeting schedule to support the writing of the Self Evaluation Report..
- 5. The District shall have a District Accreditation Coordinating Council (DACC) to monitor ongoing accreditation from a districtwide perspective, coordinate preparation for periodic reaffirmation of colleges' accreditation, and make recommendations to the Chancellor and Chancellor's Extended Cabinet. The DACC will consist of a representative membership, as outlined in the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governance Handbook for Effective Decision-Making.
- 6. Those employees who are responsible for the functions related to the accreditation standards should be involved in the preparation of the Self Evaluation Report and team visit.

- 7. The Self Evaluation Report shall be made available to the faculty, classified staff, administrators, and student leaders for review and comment before it is sent to the Chancellor and Governing Board.
- 8. When the Self Evaluation Report is completed, it must be reviewed and approved by the Chancellor and Governing Board prior to submission to the ACCJC.
- 9. Any subsequent reports required by the ACCJC shall be approved by the Chancellor and Governing Board prior to submission to the ACCJC.