Educational Planning Committee Update

The Educational Planning Committee (EPC) began to meet at the end of September 2011. Its charge is in the process of being revised to include the following:

- Oversee and coordinate its development
- Conduct annual review of progress on strategic objectives and Educational Master Plan recommendations.
- Review and update the remaining Educational Master Plan recommendations during the fall semester preceding the development of the next set of strategic plans. Report new or revised recommendations to the Planning and Resource Allocation Committee (PRAC) which will forward them to the College Council.

These changes have gone to PRAC and are now in the Governance Review Council’s hands.

In the meantime, at its first meeting, the committee reviewed the COM Educational Master Plan (2009-2019) recommendations as well as the Strategic Priorities that had been laid out in the first three-year (2009-2012) strategic plan that will be completed this year. The committee looked at what had been accomplished, what may have additional steps, and if there were items that have not yet been addressed. It was decided that each of the next four meetings would focus on one of the four areas of recommendations: Access, Success, College Systems and Community Responsiveness. Key participants would be invited to report their progress and to provide input on what else was needed. The fifth meeting will be devoted to looking at further data from external and internal surveys. The sixth meeting will attempt to put it all together in the form of preliminary recommendations to send to PRAC.

The EPC has met two more times:
- On October 4th, the SLO Facilitators presented their work.
- On October 18th, the Distance Education Committee Chair updated the committee on the progress of distance education at COM, Dean of Enrollment Management Bob Balestreri reported on student services, Director of Learning Resources Susan Andrien reported on the BSI, and former Vice President of Student Learning Angelina Duarte presented her plan for a Student Access and Success Initiative.