Accreditation Follow-Up Report 2012 Delivered to ACCJC/WASC

Last Friday, October 12, our *Follow-Up Report 2012* was hand delivered to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges /Western Association for Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC). Many of our faculty and staff members worked diligently over the past year to address ACCJC/WASC’s recommendations as detailed in the *Follow-Up Report 2012*, which is available online.

Our major accomplishments in addressing the recommendations include: completion of several important planning documents, thoroughly addressing recommendations related to our achieving institutional proficiency in Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), and significant improvements to our Distance Education program, among others.

For more information on all of the work that has been accomplished in preparation for the Follow-Up Accreditation Team Visit, you may review our planning and related accreditation documents online.

Planning documents:
- COM Assessment Plan 2012 *(new)*
- COM Distance Education Plan 2012-2015 *(new)*
- COM Facilities Plan 2012 *(new)*
- COM Staffing Plan 2012 *(new)*
- COM Technology Plan 2010-2017 *(new)*
- COM Revised Integrated Planning Manual *(new)*
- COM Strategic Plan 2012-2015 Final Draft *(10-12-2012)*

Documents Related to Student Learning Outcomes:
- GE and Institutional Level SLOs
  - [Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for GE and Institutional Level](#)
- Student Services SLOs
  - [Student Learning Outcomes for Student Services](#)
- Resources for SLOs and Program Review
  - [SLOs/Program Review Resources](#)

The visiting team, led by Chancellor of the Peralta Community College District Dr. Jose Ortiz will be on campus November 7 and 8. Dr. Ortiz will be joined by Interim Dean of Library Resources and Community Education for Allan Hancock College Ms. Nancy Meddings, and Dean of Research and Planning for Ohlone College Mr. Mike Bowman. Many thanks go out to everyone who has worked so hard over the past year(s) in addressing the WASC standards and recommendations.

**FAQ: College of Marin Accreditation**
Why is the college submitting a Follow-Up Report?
College of Marin was placed on warning by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges/Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC) in February 2012, pending the college’s compliance with specific recommendations. The ACCJC/WASC letter regarding the warning sanction is available online.

Is College of Marin an accredited institution?
Yes, College of Marin is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges/Western Association for Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC). In January 2012, ACCJC/WASC issued a written warning sanction to College of Marin detailing areas of improvement that COM must meet before the warning status is removed. The warning status in no way affects our status as an accredited college.

Will courses taken at COM transfer to other schools?
Yes, all credit courses are eligible to transfer to other colleges and universities while COM is on warning. There has been no change to COM’s accreditation or the transferability of its credit course offerings.

Is financial aid available while COM is on warning?
Yes, federal and state financial aid is available to COM students while we are on warning. Additionally, scholarships are available through the College of Marin Foundation.

What is ACCJC/WASC?
The ACCJC/WASC evaluates all California community colleges every six years. The accreditation granted by the agency allows colleges to teach classes for credits that will transfer to other institutions. Accreditation reviews are designed to highlight areas for improvement. The accreditation process includes a detailed self-study by the institution being evaluated, as well as one or more site visits by a visiting team comprised of experienced administrators from California community colleges.

Why did ACCJC/WASC issue a warning to COM?
After a comprehensive review of COM’s operations and academic programs, WASC detailed areas of specific recommendations for improvement.

What is COM doing to meet recommendations and be removed from warning status?
We have addressed all recommendations as detailed in the Follow-Up Report 2012, which is available online.

Where can I learn more about COM’s accreditation?
Information about accreditation may be found on the ACCJC/WASC website.
Meet, Eat, and Be Spooky
This year’s Halloween classified fundraising event will be held in the Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge on Wednesday, October 31. Lunches will include a hotdog, chips, a drink, and a raffle ticket for $5. Add a second hotdog for $1.50 more. We will also offer vegetarian options. If you can’t make it in person you can order a lunch for delivery on the Kentfield Campus. Please contact Laura Cooper by 11 a.m. on October 31, to order your lunch.

There will be a costume contest with winners chosen for:
- The best individual costume
- The best group costume (Have your whole department dress in theme!)
- The best costume submitted by photo (So the IVC folks can participate if they can’t make it in person). All photos should be emailed to Laura Cooper by 11 a.m. Monday, October 31.

Funds will be raised through food and raffle ticket sales. Stay tuned for details on raffle prizes. If you have something to donate for the raffle, contact Rhonda Jones by Wednesday, October 24.

Funds raised by the Classified Senate have been used to help fund the classified holiday party, the purchase of the Classified Appreciation Awards, and the purchase of key chains for classified professionals who have worked for the college over 20 years, and much more.

Drama Department Costume Sale Today and Tomorrow
The Drama Department will be selling a wide variety of costumes used in past performances today until 4 p.m. and Friday, October 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. These fine costumes will be sold in the hallway outside the drama offices in the Performing Arts Building. All proceeds benefit the Drama Club and the Drama Scholarship Fund.

Fall Job Fair
College of Marin’s Job Placement Center is hosting the Annual Fall Job Fair at the Kentfield Campus, Student Services Building, first floor on Wednesday, October 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Employers from the Bay Area will be available to accept resumes and answer questions about employment.

The Job Placement Center establishes and maintains contacts with businesses in our community to provide students with job leads and internships in various fields. This event is open to the public and is free of charge. For additional information contact Job Placement Technician Carol Perez at (415) 485-9410. Check the job placement website for a detailed list of employers who will be in attendance.
College of Marin Transfer Day
On November 5, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., College of Marin will hold its annual Transfer Day in the Student Services Building, Cafeteria. College of Marin students, their families, and members of the community are invited. This free event is open to the public.

More than 35 colleges and university representatives from the UCs, CSUs, independent, online, and out-of-state schools will be on campus to meet with students and provide information about transferring from a community college to a university. School representatives will be on hand to discuss relevant topics such as admission requirements, academic programs, fees, housing, scholarships, and financial aid. These institutions will also highlight majors they offer and provide an overview of campus life.

Students are encouraged to research scholarships and financial aid available, what majors each school offers, what the campus life is like, along with other relevant topics to help make the decision-making transition more successful and less stressful. There will be a wealth of good information at Transfer Day, including expert help from COM’s counseling staff.

Training About Veteran Students Released by the Chancellor’s Office
The Professional Development Committee (PDC) is pleased to launch Veterans on Campus, an online training module designed to raise awareness among California community college employees about our increasing veteran student population. Through a series of simulated scenarios, faculty and staff interact with veteran students to learn more about their needs and how to better assist and refer them to appropriate support services when necessary. The training is being made available system-wide through the CCC Student Mental Health Program, a partnership between the Chancellor’s Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC) funded through a grant from the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA). Veterans on Campus was developed with input from leading education experts and veteran organizations. It can be used by faculty to fulfill Flex hours.

To access the training, go to: http://kognitocampus.com/vet/ccc. College of Marin’s enrollment key (login) is ccc4554. Feel free to contact Kathleen Kirkpatrick if you have any questions.

Hooked on Marin Speaker Series
With the collaboration of five local school districts and public agencies, a new speaker series called Hooked on Marin is being launched. College of Marin along with Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM); the Tamalpais Union High School District; and the towns of Larkspur, San Anselmo, and Corte Madera are working together to provide a series of moderated discussions centered around the Marin County experience and influence. Marin’s own Terry McGovern will moderate each session.

The Mountain Bike Revolution
Wednesday, October 24, 7 p.m.
Sir Francis Drake High School, Little Theater
1327 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, San Anselmo

Panel will feature Charlie Kelly, Joe Breeze, and other legends involved in the birth of mountain biking in Marin County. Event cosponsored by the Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC).

Marin County Rock ‘n’ Roll Music History
Wednesday, November 28, 7 p.m.
Corte Madera Community Center Hall
498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera

Richie Unterberger leads a discussion featuring local individuals sharing their memories and experiences.

Admission is $15 per event. Purchase tickets and get more information at www.hookedonmarin.com.

Seasonal Flu Shots
Influenza (“flu”) is a contagious disease that can be spread by coughing, sneezing, and nasal secretions. For most people, the flu lasts only a few days and includes symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue. By getting vaccinated you can protect yourself from influenza and may also avoid spreading influenza to others. The College of Marin Health Center will be offering seasonal flu shots for $20.

Flu shots will be available at the Kentfield Campus, Health Services Portable. Call (415) 485-9458 for an appointment. Shots will be offered through November while supplies last.

The Health Center is not a Medicare provider and is not able to bill insurance plans. Anyone wishing to receive a shot must be 18 years of age or older. For more information call (415) 485-9458.

College of Marin Drama Department Presents Macbeth
By William Shakespeare
Directed by W. Allen Taylor
October 19, and 20 at 8 p.m.
October 21 at 2 p.m.
Performing Arts Theatre

Set in a cold, forbidding netherworld populated by supernatural beings and three of the most famous witches in English literature, Shakespeare’s Macbeth is a dark and intense tale of morbid ambition, corruptive power, and serial murder. Upon hearing the prophesy of his destined ascent
to the throne, Macbeth, a decorated war hero with a manipulative Lady Macbeth by his side, embarks on a bloody quest for power only to descend into madness and self-destruction.

Tickets are $20 for general admission, $15 for seniors, and $10 for students, COM staff and alumni. For more information, call the box office at (415) 485-9385.

In Remembrance
It is with deep sadness that I relate to you the death of Anthony Monteith, an esteemed member of the Mathematics Department from 1971-2008. Tony will be remembered as an excellent teacher, a participant in promoting good mathematics education through curriculum modifications and development in local area schools as well as at College of Marin. Tony enriched our college community over the years by serving on the Academic Senate, the Scholastic Standards Committee, and as department chair. Throughout his teaching career Tony was devoted to facilitating the learning of mathematics, both in the classroom and on an individual basis.

A memorial service will be held at the Buddhist Church of San Francisco, 1881 Pine St. on Sunday, October 28, at 3 p.m.

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President