



El Camino College
Compton Center

Accreditation Public Forum

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General Accreditation Process

- ▶ Accreditation Steering Committee co-chairs
 - Dr. Keith Curry, Saul Panski, Barb Perez
- ▶ Focus on tasks and benchmarks, not timelines
- ▶ Steps to Accreditation as a college
 1. Apply for Eligibility: **currently in progress**
 2. Candidacy application: must complete Self Study
 3. When candidate, complete second Self Study
 4. Accredited as a college in ECCD
- ▶ Final step: Substantive Change Proposal to ACCJC to transfer from ECCD to CCCD

Eligibility Application Criteria

ACCJC has 21 eligibility criteria. All must be met.

The criteria were divided into five subcommittees:

1. Organization & Governance
2. Instruction and Faculty
3. Student Services / Public Information
4. Financial Integrity
5. Planning and Evaluation

**Subcommittee 1:
Organization & Governance**

- 1. Authority – Criterion Met
 - ECC is authorized to operate a center in Compton
- 2. Mission – Criterion Met
 - Mission statement was developed jointly by Compton & ECC
- 3. Governing Board – Criterion Met
 - Submit info about ECC's Board of Trustees
- 4. CEO – Criterion Met
 - Dr. Fallo is the CEO of the Compton Center

**Subcommittee 1 (continued)
Organization & Governance**

- 5. Administrative Capacity
 - Criterion Met
 - However:
 - Some functions handled by ECC on behalf of Center
 - Need a plan for these functions to transition to Compton so the accredited college can move from ECCD to CCCD
- 6. Operational Status – Criterion Met
 - Institution is operating
 - Students are pursuing and earning degrees

**Subcommittee 2:
Instruction and Faculty**

- 7. Degrees – Criterion Met
 - Programs lead to degrees
 - Significant proportion of students are enrolled in degree & certificate programs
- 8. Educational Programs – Criterion Met
 - Programs have sufficient length, content, and rigor for degrees and student outcomes
- 9. Academic Credit – Criterion Met
 - Credit is awarded following accepted practices

**Subcommittee 2: (cont)
Instruction and Faculty**

- 10. Student Learning and Achievement
 - Criterion partially met
 - 69% of course and program SLOs will be assessed by Spring 2012
 - Must document how course & program assessments improve student learning/achievement
 - Must have documentation showing links between assessment, planning, budgeting, and student learning
 - Documentation anticipated by June 2013

**Subcommittee 2: (cont)
Instruction and Faculty**

- 11. General Education – Criterion Met
 - General education is a substantial part of degree programs
- 12. Academic Freedom – Criterion Met
 - Academic Freedom assured by contracts and board policies
- 13. Faculty – Criterion Met
 - Faculty meet state and ECC minimum qualifications
 - Faculty review curriculum and assess learning

**Subcommittee 3:
Student Services and
Public Information**

- 14. Student Services – Criterion Met
 - Full range of student services available to support learning & success and the mission
- 15. Admissions – Criterion Met
 - Admissions policies follow state practices
- 16. Information and Learning Resources
 - Criterion Met
 - Concerns about library collection, budget support for databases/licenses, new LRC

**Subcommittee 3:
Student Services and
Public Information (cont)**

20. Public Information – Criterion Met

- Catalog and schedules are accurate, current, and comply with ACCJC and state regulations

**Subcommittee 4:
Financial Integrity**

17. Financial Resources

- Criterion not met
- Problems with accounting data accuracy
- Insufficient support for some Center programs
- Post-Emp. Benefits: \$14 million liability is unmet

18. Financial Accountability

- Criterion not met
- Recent audits: significant findings
- Concern re: "Sound Fiscal Management" checklist
- Need timely audits without significant findings

**Subcommittee 5:
Planning and Evaluation**

19. Institutional Planning and Evaluation

- Criterion not met
- Educational Master Plan (EMP) must be adopted
 - Final draft is nearly complete
- EMP must be integrated with planning and budgeting processes
- Links must be documented
- Must evaluate the planning and budgeting process and measure progress towards goals

Criterion 21

- 21. Relations with the Accrediting Commission
 - Criterion will be met
 - Responsibilities handled by the Accreditation Liaison Officer
 - No problems expected with this criterion

Summarizing

- Of the 21 ACCJC Eligibility criteria:
 - 16 criteria are met (1-9, 11-16, 20)
 - 1 criterion is partially met (10)
 - 3 criteria are not met (17, 18, 19)
 - 1 criterion will be met when filing application (21)
 - A few other criteria have areas of concern (5, 16)

Questions?

- The rest of the time is devoted to answering your questions.
- What questions do you have?
