**YEAR 2**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-14**

Program Review and Planning Year 2 form is an evaluation of the progress on last year’s goals (Year 1 PRP) and is also planning of goals and activities for the current year (2013-2014).

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| **Discipline: Botany** | **Date**  |
| **Instructional Discipline Reviewed (Each discipline is required to complete a Program Review.)** | **Add Date (00/00/2014)** |

**Purpose of Program Review and Planning:**

The institution assesses progress toward achieving stated goals and makes decisions regarding the improvement of institutional effectiveness in an on-going and systematic cycle of evaluation, integrated planning, resource allocation, implementation, and re-evaluation. Evaluation is based on analyses of both quantitative and qualitative data (ACCJC/WASC, Standard I, B.3.).

**DEFINITION**

Program Review and Planning is the means by which faculty, staff, and/or administrators complete a self-evaluation of an academic discipline, program, or service.  The self-evaluation includes an analysis of both quantitative and qualitative data on how the academic discipline, program, or service is supporting the mission and strategic planning of Palomar College in meeting the educational and career interests of students.  Through the review of and reflection on key program elements, such as program data and student learning outcomes, Program Review and Planning defines the curriculum changes, staffing levels, activities, and/or strategies necessary to continue to improve the academic discipline, program, or service in support of student success.  The Program Review and Planning process also ensures short-term and long-term planning and identification of the resources necessary to implement identified goals and priorities.

[**Palomar College Mission**](http://www.palomar.edu/about/goals.aspx)

Our mission is to provide an engaging teaching and learning environment for students of diverse origins, experiences, needs, abilities, and goals. As a comprehensive community college, we support and encourage students who are pursuing transfer-readiness, general education, basic skills, career and technical training, aesthetic and cultural enrichment, and lifelong education. We are committed to helping our students achieve the learning outcomes necessary to contribute as individuals and global citizens living responsibly, effectively, and creatively in an interdependent and ever-changing world.

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| **Program/Discipline Mission** |
| **List everyone who participated in completing this Year 2 Program Review and Planning Document.****Elizabeth Pearson and Steve King.** |
| **State your program’s or discipline’s mission statement. If you don’t have one, create one.****Our goal is to provide students with a basic foundation in the knowledge of photosynthesizing organisms and science as a discipline as part of the general eduaction for transfer to a university. We aim to give students a scientific perspective in their lives and an appreciation of the diversity and complexity of living things around them. With this knowledge we hope they will be better stewards of the planet, critical thinkers and better decision makers.**  |
| **Explain how your program’s or discipline’s mission is aligned with the Palomar College Mission Statement.****Our goals highlight the mission of the college by providing an engaging and supportive learning environment in a course structured to meet the needs of students with a goal of transferring to a university. In addition, we promote knowledge and critical thinking skills needed as individuals and global citizens, to live responsibly and effectively in an interdependent and changing world.** |

**STEP I. Review and Evaluation of Year 1
In this section, evaluate the program plans you described in last year’s Program Review and Planning Document.
Refer to “STEP II: PLANNING” in your 2012-13 YEAR 1 PRP document at:** <http://www.palomar.edu/irp/PRPCollection.htm>.

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| 1. **Progress on Current Plans. For each planning area below, summarize your program plans as documented in the Year 1 form (last year’s form) and evaluate your progress on completing them.**

**Curriculum (Step II.A. of Year 1 PRP)**1. **Summarize the plans you made regarding curriculum? (Consider how SLO assessment results influenced curriculum planning.)**

**Over the past two years, the lead faculty member has made adjustments to the course to meet the needs of the students taking the course as a GE life sciences requirement. A survey has been administered to the class at the end of the course to assess student satisfaction with the course.** 1. **How did you implement and evaluate those curriculum changes?**

**Satisfaction is high (98%) indicating students feel that the course meets their needs. SLO assesments have also been administered to address whether students are learning the scientific method, which has been emphasized in the new curriculum indicating that 78% have mastered the concept in the assesment.****Class Scheduling (Step II.B. of Year 1 PRP)**1. **Summarize the plans you made regarding class scheduling?**

**The laboratory portion of this course was being taught on a Friday which many students found difficult to accommodate logistically. They indicated a preference for a lab class on the same days as the lecture course which we have accomodated.**1. **How did you implement and evaluate those class scheduling changes?**

**Absenteeism was high for the Friday lab section and in Fall 2013 this absenteeism dropped.****Faculty Hiring (Step II.C. of Year 1 PRP)**1. **What faculty needs did you articulate for this discipline?**

**currently this course is taught by a full time faculty which meets the needs of the students. Especially with regard to students who show a diverse interest in the course and enjoy the office hours and discussions facilitated by a full time faculty member.**1. **What is the current status of the plan you articulated?**

**A new SLO will be evaluated this Spring and a new assesment will be completed.** |
| 1. **Analysis and Impact of Resources Received (Step III – Year 1 – Resource Requests for Discipline)**
2. **What is the dollar amount you received from IPC last year (2012-2013)? You can access the 2012-13 IPC PRP allocations by clicking on this link:** <http://www.palomar.edu/irp/201213resourceallocations.pdf>

**0**1. **How were those funds spent?**

**n/a**1. **Identify permanent employees requested and prioritized by IPC, i.e., classified/CAST/administrative. You can access this information by clicking on this link:** <http://www.palomar.edu/irp/staffingplan.pdf>

**n/a**1. **Describe the impact of these funds received from IPC on:**
2. **Curriculum (courses, SLOs)**

**n/a**1. **Number of students affected**

**n/a**1. **Other**

**n/a**1. **Describe unmet funding requests as they apply to your planning and priorities.**

**We requested a Fast Plant Genetics kit which would have facilitated an opportunity to explore genetics in a scientific approach. We still feel the kit would benefit students and are placing it on the request again this year.** |

**STEP II. Evaluation of Program & SLOAC Data**

**In this section, review and analyze updated program data, the results of SLOACs, and other factors that could influence your program plans for this upcoming year.**

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| 1. **Program Data. Provide an analysis of the past six years (2007-08 through 2012-13) of your discipline’s data. Consider trends in the data and what may be causing them. (For enrollment, WSCH, & FTEF data, use Fall term data only). The links below will take you to the three sets of data to analyze.**
	* Enrollment, Enrollment Load, WSCH, and FTEF (<http://www.palomar.edu/irp/PRP_WSCH_FTEF_Load.xlsx>) **(Use Fall term data only).**
	* Course Success and Retention rates (<http://www.palomar.edu/irp/PRP_Success_Retention.xlsx>**). Note, this file is very large and there will be a delay both when you open the file and again when you initiate the first search.**
	* Degrees and Certificates (<http://www.palomar.edu/irp/PRP_Degrees_Certs.xlsx>).

**Describe your analysis and observations.****The program data indicates that Botany is a highly impacted course with census loads at 100% or higher. The retention rate is also high (89-93%) but pass rates are relatively low (67-53%) this is particularly true of the younger students in the class.****Does this data reflect your planning, goals, and activities? If not, why?****The department continues to discuss the possibility of adding a section of Botany but have been focusing on increasing other course offerings at the time of this report. With regard to pass rates, no specific changes have been suggested but the instructor is attempting to address the concern directly with students on the first day of the class encouraging better study skills and time management.** |
| 1. **SLOACs. Using the comprehensive SLOAC reports and faculty discussions as a guide, provide a summary and analysis of Student Learning Outcome assessments at the course and program level. Link to SLOAC resources:** <http://www2.palomar.edu/pages/sloresources/programreview/>
2. **Summarize your SLOAC activities during the 2012-2013 academic year.**

**SLOs continue to be addressed in this course. Tthere is only a single section of this course and thus no other instructors to discuss the SLOAC with however, the SLOs are in line with department level SLOs and thus conversations with department members have been helpful in refining our assesments to reflect the nature of our SLO goals. This is particularly true with regard to the scientific methos that is being assesed in our non-major's biology course.**1. **Course SLOACs: What did you learn from your course SLO assessments? What will you maintain and/or change because of the assessment results?**

**Student success with regard to the course SLO is satisfactory with 78% of the students mastering the concept. However, the department as a whole agrees that more exposure to the concept will solidify the concept of science as a process with our students and are adjusting curriculum to meet this need.**1. **Program SLOACs: What did you learn from your program SLO assessments? What will you maintain and/or change because of the assessment results?**

**Although we did not formally assess a program learning outcome (PLO) in 2012-13, a small pilot study assessing one of the PLOs (Scientifc Method) was performed by a subset of faculty in the department. We learned that we need to reconsider how we implement a department-wide assesment to accommodate the diverse teaching styles of our faculty while still learning about what our students understand.**  |
| 1. **Other Relevant Data and Information.**
2. **Describe other data and/or information that you have considered as part of the assessment of your program. (Examples of other data and factors include, but are not limited to: external accreditation requirements, State and Federal legislation, four-year institution directions, technology, equipment, budget, professional development opportunities).**

**n/a**1. **Given this information, how are your current and future students impacted by your program and planning activities? Note: Analysis of data is based on both quantitative (e.g., numbers, rates, estimates, results from classroom surveys) and qualitative (e.g., advisory group minutes, observations, changes in legislation, focus groups, expert opinion) information.**

**n/a** |
| 1. **Labor Market Data. For Career/Technical disciplines only, provide a summary of the current labor market outlook. This data can be found on the CA Employment Development website at** [**http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/**](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/) **. Go here and search on Labor Market Information for Educators and Trainers (http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/Content.asp?pageid=112). Click on summary data profile on right side of page to search by occupation. (Check other reliable industry or government sources on Labor Market Data websites that support findings and are relevant to Region Ten – San Diego/Imperial Counties. Include job projections and trends that may influence major curriculum revisions.)**

**n/a** |
| 1. **Discipline/Program Assessment:** **Based on Steps I and II above, describe your discipline’s or program’s:**
2. **Strengths**

**I feel this discipline meets the needs of a GE life science course by emphasizing major concepts of biology whil focusing on the plant worls which offers students a choice in how they satisfy this requirement. Many students have a pssion for plants and this course allows that passion to grow (pun intended).**1. **Weaknesses**

**This course attracts a subset of students who feel they might be achieving their GE requirement through an easier course and are thuis dissapointed to find it just as rigorous. Furthermore, there is a subset within the subset who believe they will be better pot growers as a result of this course and I fail to address this interest furthering their frustration. I feel this is reflected in the relatively poor pass rates for younger students in this course.**1. **Opportunities**

**Students have an opportunity to know their surrounding habitats better, become more knowledgeable as gardeners and as informed citizens.**1. **Challenges**

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**STEP III. Updated Goals & Plans**

**Taking the analyses you completed in Steps I and II, describe your program’s goals and plans.**

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| 1. **Goals and Plans: What are your goals for 2013-14? When establishing goals, consider changes you are making to curriculum, schedule, and staffing as a result of the assessments you completed in STEPS I and II above. Goals should reflect your program/discipline’s top priorities for the coming academic year.**

**For EACH goal provide the following:** |
| **GOAL #1** |
| **Program or discipline goal** | **Increase student pass rates by encouraging better study skills and time management.** |
| **Plans/Strategies for implementation** | **Emphasize the course rigor in the beginning of the course and throughout. Encourage study groups and use of learning tools (i.e. study guides, tutors, and reading workshops)** |
| **Outcome(s) expected (qualitative/quantitative)** | **better pass rates.** |
| **GOAL #2** |
| **Program or discipline goal** | **Improve student mastery of the concept of the scientific method.** |
| **Plans/Strategies for implementation** | **Increase the opportunity to use the scientific methods in lab by restructuring activities.** |
| **Outcome(s) expected (qualitative/quantitative)** | **SLO assesments.** |
| **GOAL #3** |
| **Program or discipline goal** | **Decrease absenteeism** |
| **Plans/Strategies for implementation** | **Increase the number of in-class activities to increase the responsibilty and consequences for a student who fails to attend.** |
| **Outcome(s) expected (qualitative/quantitative)** | **Use roll sheets to assess the impact.** |
| **ADDITIONAL GOAL (*if needed*)** |
| **Program or discipline goal** |  |
| **Plans/Strategies for implementation** |  |
| **Outcome(s) expected (qualitative/quantitative)** |  |

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| 1. **Alignment with College Mission and Strategic Plan Goals.**
2. **How do your goals align with the Palomar College Mission?**

**Our goals highlight the mission of the college by providing an engaging and supportive learning environment in a course structured to meet the needs of students with a goal of transferring to a university. In addition, we promote knowledge and critical thinking skills needed as individuals and global citizens, to live responsibly and effectively in an interdependent and changing world.**1. **How do your goals align with the College’s Strategic Plan Goals? See the College’s Strategic Plan 2016 Goals at:** <http://www.palomar.edu/strategicplanning/PALOMAR_STRATEGICPLAN2016.pdf>

**Goal 1: Student Connections, Pathways, Learning, and Success** **Integrate and implement effective pathways, academic programs, and support services to improve student** **access, progress, learning, and achievement of goals. This course meets the transfer requirement for students on a path to a four-year degree. The faculty encourage students to use the support services offered at Palomar college to increase their academic success.****Objective 1.8: Place SLOACS and SAOACS at the center of Program Review and Planning, strategic** **planning, and resource allocation processes.    SLOACS are being used in this course to assess specific learning outcomes and strategies to improve those outcomes.**1. **Based on your program review and planning, describe any issues/concerns that have emerged that require interdisciplinary or College-wide dialogue and/or planning.**

**Although several issues emerged which will benefit from dialog at the department level, none are interdisciplinary or College-wide.** |

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| **STEP IV. Resources Requested for Academic Year 2013-2014:**  |
| **Now that you have completed Steps I – III, Step IV requires you to identify all additional resources you will need to achieve your Goals and Plans/ Strategies (Step III). First, identify all resource needs in each budget category.  You may have up to five (5) requests per budget category.  Provide a meaningful rationale for each request and how it links to your Goals, Plans, and Strategies.  \*Second, ALL your resource requests must be prioritized as one group; not prioritized within each budget category.  This means, you could have your #1 priority in Technology, your #2 priority in Short-term Hourly, and your #3 priority in Equipment, etc.  If you actually have five (5) requests in each of the five (5) budget categories, you would end up with 25 prioritized requests. IPC will not consider any requests that are not prioritized.Resource requests to simply replace budget cuts from previous years will not be considered.  PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL FUNDING ALLOCATED BY IPC IS ONE-TIME AND MUST BE SPENT WITHIN THE DEFINED TIMELINE. RESOURCE REQUESTS THAT SUPPORT MORE THAN ONE DISCIPLINE SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON THE ‘ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT RESOURCE REQUESTS” PRP FORM ONLY.** |

**Budget category a. Equipment (600010) (per unit cost is >$500). *Enter requests on lines below. Click here for examples of equipment:*** [***http://www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf***](http://www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf)

| **Resource Category** | **Describe** **Resource** **Requested** | **Discipline goal addressed by this resource** | [**Strategic Plan 2016 Goal Addressed by this Resource**](http://www.palomar.edu/strategicplanning/PALOMAR_STRATEGICPLAN2016.pdf) | **\* Priority Number for all Resource Request categories** | **Provide a detailed rationale for the requested resource. The rationale should refer to your discipline’s goals, plans, analysis of data, SLOACs, and the College’s Strategic Plan.****(If this resource is already funded in part or full, name the source and describe why the source is not sufficient for future funding.** | **Amount of Funding Requested (include tax, shipping, etc.)** |
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| **Budget category b. Technology (600010) (computers, data projectors, document readers, etc.). Enter requests on lines below. *Click here for examples of technology:*** [***http://www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf***](http://www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf) |
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| **Resource Category** | **Describe** **Resource** **Requested** | **Discipline goal addressed by this resource** | [**Strategic Plan 2016 Goal Addressed by this Resource**](http://www.palomar.edu/strategicplanning/PALOMAR_STRATEGICPLAN2016.pdf) | **\* Priority Number for all Resource Request categories** | **Provide a detailed rationale for the requested resource. The rationale should refer to your discipline’s goals, plans, analysis of data, SLOACs, and the College’s Strategic Plan.****(If this resource is already funded in part or full, name the source and describe why the source is not sufficient for future funding.** | **Amount of Funding Requested (include tax, shipping, etc.)** |
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| **Budget Category c. Funds for Supplies (400010) (per unit cost is <$500 supplies) *Enter requests on lines below. Click here for examples of Supplies:***  [***http://www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf***](%20http%3A//www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf) |
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| **Resource Category** | **Describe** **Resource** **Requested** | **Discipline goal addressed by this resource** | [**Strategic Plan 2016 Goal Addressed by this Resource**](http://www.palomar.edu/strategicplanning/PALOMAR_STRATEGICPLAN2016.pdf) | **\* Priority Number for all Resource Request categories** | **Provide a detailed rationale for the requested resource. The rationale should refer to your discipline’s goals, plans, analysis of data, SLOACs, and the College’s Strategic Plan.****(If this resource is already funded in part or full, name the source and describe why the source is not sufficient for future funding.** | **Amount of Funding Requested (include tax, shipping, etc.)** |
| **c1.**  | **Fast Plant Genetics Kit;**  | **2** | **2,5,6** | **1** | **This is a kit that will allow students to investigate genetics using the scientific method; an opportunity to reinforce our SLO addressing the scientific method which is currently lacking in our laboratory class.** | **$275** |
| **c2.**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **c4.**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Budget Category d. Funds for Operating Expenses (500010) (printing, travel, maintenance agreements, software license, etc.). *Enter requests on lines below. Click here for examples of Operating Expenses:*** [***http://www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf***](http://www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf) |
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| **Resource Category** | **Describe** **Resource** **Requested** | **Discipline goal addressed by this resource** | [**Strategic Plan 2016 Goal Addressed by this Resource**](http://www.palomar.edu/strategicplanning/PALOMAR_STRATEGICPLAN2016.pdf) | **\* Priority Number for all Resource Request categories** | **Provide a detailed rationale for the requested resource. The rationale should refer to your discipline’s goals, plans, analysis of data, SLOACs, and the College’s Strategic Plan.****(If this resource is already funded in part or full, name the source and describe why the source is not sufficient for future funding.** | **Amount of Funding Requested (include tax, shipping, etc.)** |
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| **Budget Category e. Funds for temporary or student workers (230010/240010) Enter requests on lines below** |
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| **Resource Category** | **Describe** **Resource** **Requested** | **Discipline goal addressed by this resource** | [**Strategic Plan 2016 Goal Addressed by this Resource**](http://www.palomar.edu/strategicplanning/PALOMAR_STRATEGICPLAN2016.pdf) | **\* Priority Number for all Resource Request categories** | **Provide a detailed rationale for the requested resource. The rationale should refer to your discipline’s goals, plans, analysis of data, SLOACs, and the College’s Strategic Plan.****(If this resource is already funded in part or full, name the source and describe why the source is not sufficient for future funding.** | **Amount of Funding Requested (include benefits)** |
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**STEP V. Classified and administrative (contract) positions requests for academic year 2014-2015**

**Classified, CAST, or Administrator positions:  Enter each position request on the lines below.  You may request up to five (5) positions and they must be prioritized to be considered by IPC.  Contract position requests may include vacancies due to retirements, resignations, lateral transfers, etc., as well as any new positions to be considered.  Please note that only these position requests will be prioritized by IPC when developing the annual Staffing Plan for Instruction.**

| **Resource Category** | **Describe** **Resource** **Requested** | **Discipline goal addressed by this resource** | [**Strategic Plan 2016 Goal Addressed by this Resource**](http://www.palomar.edu/strategicplanning/PALOMAR_STRATEGICPLAN2016.pdf) | **Priority Number for Position Requests in Step V Only** | **Provide a detailed rationale for the requested resource. The rationale should refer to your discipline’s goals, plans, analysis of data, SLOACs, and the College’s Strategic Plan.****(If this resource is already funded in part or full, name the source and describe why the source is not sufficient for future funding.** | **Amount of Funding Requested (include benefits)** |
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 **Division Dean Signature Date**