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| **Discipline: Biology** | **Date 01/30/2015** |
| **Instructional Discipline Reviewed (Each discipline is required to complete a Program Review.)** | **Add Date   (00/00/0000)** |

**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.  (ACCJC Standard I.B3; AB-1725, 10+1)

**Purpose of Program Review and Planning:**

Program Review and Planning for Years 2 and 3 provides a “check-in” on the Year 1 Comprehensive PRP. The PRP documents the vision and planning for a program or discipline. It also provides information for the development of the College’s Strategic Plan goals and annual objectives, documents overarching themes/issues occurring across academic programs and instruction, identifies the needs for resource allocations, and identifies department needs for developing the annual Staffing Plan update.

[**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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| **List everyone who participated in completing this Program Review and Planning Document.**  **Elizabeth Pearson, Jim Gilardi and Wendy Axsen** |

**STEP I. Evaluation of Program & SLOAC Data.** In this section, examine and analyze updated program data, the results of SLOACs, and other factors that could influence your program/discipline’s plans for the current year. Consider trends and any changes in the data as they relate to this year’s analysis.

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| 1. **Analysis of Program Data. Review and comment on any significant changes or noted concerns since last year’s PRP.**   **(For enrollment, WSCH, & FTEF data, use Fall term data only).**   * + 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>).   Enrollment in Biology courses continues to grow as we have added sections in an attempt to meet the demand. We feel we are finally meeting that demand as shown by the %enrollment which has finally dropped below 100% (a reflection of instructors adding extra crashers). Recent hires have dropped the % taught by part-time faculty to 84% and should drop further next year as we are hiring again. Retention in our courses is only a concern in our distance education courses which is a problem seen across disciplines and colleges. We feel that it reflects the unquantifiable advantage of an in person education experience. Success in our courses has varied from 67-74% and we continue to discuss ways to increase this number. This is a conversation we are having at the department level as well as across the campus. For the most part, we feel our students need more help learning successful time management, priority setting and effective study skills. |

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| 1. **SLOACs. Using the comprehensive SLOAC reports and faculty discussions as a guide, summarize your planned SLOAC activities for courses and programs for the current academic year. Link to SLOAC resources:** <http://www2.palomar.edu/pages/sloresources/programreview/>   Our department is working hard to get data into tracdat and to align our SLOs to the program level SLOs. This is somewhat difficult because our programs, as written, don't exactly match up to the educational paths our students are taking. In addition, some of our courses are not listed in either of our programs. With the new TMC we will make some changes to one of our programs and we will have to consider a new program to highlight the educational path most of our pre-nursing students take. Additionally, one of our most important course offerings is part of a GE education path and not in our program SLO. This will also need to be addressed. |

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| 1. **Other Relevant Data and Information.** 2. **Review other data and/or information that you included in last year’s assessment of your program (see Step II.C). (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). Describe other data and/or information that you have considered as part of the assessment of your program. If there is additional information you are using to assess your program this year, also describe that information here.**   n/a   1. **Given this updated 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 |

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| 1. **Labor Market Data. For Career/Technical disciplines only, review and comment on any significant changes or concerns since last year’s PRP. (See Step II.D). This data is 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 |

**STEP II. Progress on Previous Year’s Goals and Plans** (See ”Step III - Updated Goals and Plans” in your completed 2013-14 PRP at <http://www.palomar.edu/irp/PRPCollection.htm>).

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| **Discuss/Summarize progress on last year’s goals. Include**   1. **the impact on resources allocated and utilized;** 2. **any new developments or concerns that are affecting the program;** 3. **any new goals for the program; and** 4. **other information you would like to share.**   Goal #1 Develop our SLOACs  Our department as a whole has made great strides in establishing and evaluating both course and program SLOs. Gene Gushansky deserves the lion's share of the credit for encouraging faculty to update the data in Tracdat, administering program SLOs with Richard Albistegui-Dubois and identifying courses that need attention. This has advanced our pursuit to meet the expectations of the state.  Goal #2 Implement new and relevant laboratory activities  Jim Gilardi has obtained training and funding to bring DNA barcoding to our Bio 200 course. This represents a huge accomplishment in making sure our students get a comparable course experience to a university class.  Goal #3 Offer a low-cost field course to our students.  We continue to offer the Catalina field course which is very successful in accomplishing what we aim to do with field courses. Kim Velazquez, Mike Deal and Beth Pearson also worked to develop a local field course which was offered during the summer intersession. We were not successful with this class and had to cancel due to low enrollment, but we will make an effort to offer this course in the future in a different part of the year.  Goal #4 Help develop the Village Mentoring Project  This project was successfully launched this past Fall. Beth Pearson participated in the development and launch of the project. We hope to expand the program in the future. Most department faculty also participate in the STEM mentoring project. |

**STEP III. Resources Requested for FY 2014-15:** Now that you have completed Steps I and II, Step III requires you to identify all additional resources you will need to achieve goals, plans and strategies for Step II. 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. Resource requests to simply replace budget cuts from previous years will not be considered. Negotiated items should not be included in any resources requested. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL FUNDING ALLOCATED BY IPC IS ONE-TIME AND MUST BE SPENT WITHIN THE DEFINED TIMELINE. Requests that support more than one discipline should be included on the “Academic Department Resource Requests” PRP form only. [*Click here for examples of each budget category.*](http://www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf)

Prioritize within each category and then prioritize across categories in Step IV.

\*Refer to Strategic Plan 2016 Objectives at http://www.palomar.edu/strategicplanning/StrategicPlan2016-Year2.pdf

**Budget category a. Equipment (acct 600010 and 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)

| **Priority Number for Resource Requests** | **Resource Item Requested** | **Fund Category** | **Discipline goal addressed by this resource** | [**Strategic Plan 2016 Objective Addressed by this Resource**](http://www.palomar.edu/strategicplanning/PALOMAR_STRATEGICPLAN2016.pdf)**\*** | **Provide ~~a~~ detailed rationale for each item. Refer to your goals, plans, analysis of data, SLOACs, and the Strategic Plan. (If item is already funded, name the source and describe why it is not sufficient for future funding.)** | **Amount of Funding Requested (include tax, shipping, etc.)** |
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| **a1.** | **32 Olympus Microscopes for the majors biology course in NS 235** | **600010** | **1,2** | **1,3** | **Microscopes are heavily used in all of our biology courses. Because they are used by so many students so often, they suffer wear and tear. We have to replace a set of microscope periodically to stay on top of the number of broken microscopes.** | **58,000** |
| **a2.** | **30 Olympus Microscopes for the Escondido classroom** | **600010** | **1,2** | **1,3** | **Microscopes are heavily used in all of our biology courses. Because they are used by so many students so often, they suffer wear and tear. We have to replace a set of microscope periodically to stay on top of the number of broken microscopes.** | **55,000** |
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**Budget category b. Technology (acct 600010, examples: computers, data projectors, document readers). 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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**Budget category c. Supplies (acct 400010 and per unit cost is <$500). Enter requests on lines below. Click here for examples of supplies:** [**http://www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf**](http://www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf)

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| **c1.** | **DNA Bar Coding reagents and supplies** | **400010** | **1,2** | **1,3** | **These supplies will help continue to provide real discovery opportunities for students and to teach biodiversity, some of the modern genetic techniques used to study biodiversity and to provide Biology 200 students with experiences in DNA sequencing and bioinformatics.** | **$1200** |
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**Budget category d. Operating Expenses (acct 500010; examples: printing, maintenance agreements, software license) Enter requests on lines below. Click here for examples of operating expense:** [**http://www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf**](http://www.palomar.edu/irp/2013CategoriesforPRPResourceRequests.pdf)

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**Budget category e. Travel Expenses for Faculty (acct 500010: faculty travel only)**

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**Budget category f. Short-term hourly (temporary and student worker). Enter requests on lines below.**

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**STEP IV. Prioritize Resource Requests.** Now that you have completed Step III, prioritize all of your resource requests 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 six (6) budget categories, you would end up with 30 prioritized requests**. IPC will not consider requests that are not prioritized.** Note that all funding allocated by IPC is one-time and must be spent within the defined timeline.

| **Priority Number for all Resource Requests in Step III** | **Resource Item Requested** | **Fund Category** | **Discipline goal addressed by this resource** | [**Strategic Plan 2016 Objective Addressed by this Resource**](http://www.palomar.edu/strategicplanning/PALOMAR_STRATEGICPLAN2016.pdf)**\*** | **Provide ~~a~~ detailed rationale for each item. Refer to your goals, plans, analysis of data, SLOACs, and the Strategic Plan. (If item is already funded, name the source and describe why it is not sufficient for future funding.)** | **Amount of Funding Requested (include tax, shipping, benefits, etc.)** |
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**STEP V. Contract Position Requests.** Prioritize all contract positions you feel are needed to achieve goals, plans and strategies identified in Step II. Include all requests for Classified, CAST, and Administrator positions that either replace a vacancy due to retirements, resignations, lateral transfers, etc., or any new positions. You may request up to ten (10) positions and they must be prioritized to be considered by IPC. Please note that only these position requests will be prioritized by IPC when developing the annual Staffing Plan for Instruction.   (Do not include faculty positions.)

| **Priority Number for Contract Position Requests** | **Position Title/Category**  **Requested** | **Fund Category** | **Discipline goal addressed by this resource** | [**Strategic Plan 2016 Objective Addressed by this Resource**](http://www.palomar.edu/strategicplanning/PALOMAR_STRATEGICPLAN2016.pdf)**\*** | **Provide a detailed rationale for the each position. The rationale should refer to your discipline’s goals, plans, analysis of data, SLOACs, and the Strategic Plan. (If position is already funded, name the source and describe why it is not sufficient for future funding.)** | **Amount of Funding Requested (include benefits)** |
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