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| **Discipline: Communications** | **Date 02/03/2015**  |
| **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.****Wendy Nelson** |

**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>).

Communication classes are in high demand as revealed by a Census Enrollment Load of 94%. Students tend to remain in our classes as our retention rate is 90%. Our online retention rate increased by 4% to 92% this past year. Our faculty worked hard to increase the retention rates of our online students. Our overall pass rates have stayed at 62% which is slightly lower than the college pass rates at 70%. This is an area we need to continue to improve. We will test a new online course textbook with additional support for students this semester. We hope that this will help some with pass rates in our online courses. We are also using the Palomar College Dashboard to help underprepared students with writing research papers. Communication has one full-time instructor and a total FTEF of 1.60; 63% of classes were taught by PT faculty. This number was very high because the only FT faculty member was given 50% release time for the SLO coordinator position. This was reduced this year. We were happy with the WSCH/FTEF number of 485.  |

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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/>

We assessed two of our course SLOS and analyzed the data in 2014. During the spring of 2105, we will asess two additional SLOs. After looking at assessment results over the past five years - we realized that we needed to consider some other course outcomes. We are planning to write an additional SLO for each one of our communications classes. We have a meeting planned with our new pt faculty to have a discussion about the new course SLOs . We would like to assess these in the fall of 2015. We will also focus our efforts on assessing our PR program this year. We are researching the changes in this industry and trying to adapt the program and classes to these changes. This year we are also going to add new SLOs to the Public Relations Program. We would like to try assess these in fall 2015. |

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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.**

NA1. **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.**

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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.)**

   Job projections for public relations positions are excellent. There is 17% expected increase in public relations positions. The average hourly rate is $60 per hour.  |

**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: To improve pass rates in our classes. Although we have not increased our pass rates, we have researched why they are low and have started to implement some changes in Fall 14 and Spring 15. So it will take some time to see if these things worked. One thing that continues to pull down our pass rates is the number of students who earn FWs or stop attending (especially online) during the last month of the semeter. We are being more diligent about contacting students and dropping them if they are not active in our courses. We are also working on new online techniques that will help keep our online students more engaged. Goal #2: Consider adding an advanced public relations course to our program. We are still working on this COR and will put it through the Curriculum process this year. We are spending time researching the changes in this industry so that we can better prepare our students for the many jobs that are available.Goal #3 Increase our relationship with industry professionals. We held our Media Days event again in the 2014 and invited more speakers from different areas of the industry. We also brought in speakers during the spring and fall to our specific classes. We will continue to grow these relationships. |

**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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**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)

| **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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**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)**

| **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 benefits if applicable)** |
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| **e1.**  | **Faculty Travel to PRSSA Conference** | **5000010** | **Goal 2** | **4.3** | **Faculty should attend this conference in plans to grow the PR program at Palomar. We are going to reevalute the program certificate and are working on new curriculum for this fast growing and changing industry. We assessing the PR program SLOS this year and we need to make sure the courses and program are effecitve and current. Attending a PRSA or PRSSA conference would help us understand the current needs of the job market .**  | **$1,500** |
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**Budget category f. Short-term hourly (temporary and student worker). Enter requests on lines below.**

| **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 benefits if applicable)** |
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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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