

Palomar College – Institutional Review and Planning Instructional Programs

Purpose of Institutional 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.)

Department: Economics, History & Political Science

Instructional Discipline Reviewed

2007-08

1. 3-year trend of quantitative data

| | Fall 2004 | Fall 2005 | Fall 2006 | Definitions |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Enrollment at Census | 4,800 | 5,038 | 4,880 | <i>Self Explanatory</i> |
| Census Enrollment Load % | 95.24% | 89.88% | 87.98% | Enrollment at Census Divided By Sum of Caps (aka "Seats") |
| WSCH | 14,651 | 15,359 | 15,039 | Weekly Student Contact Hours |
| FTEF | 488.35 | 511.97 | 501.29 | One Full-Time Equivalent Student = 30 WSCH |
| Total FTEF | 26.40 | 27.80 | 28.60 | Total Full-Time Equivalent Faculty |
| WSCH/FTEF | 555 | 552 | 526 | WSCH Generated per Full-Time Equivalent Faculty Member |
| Full-time FTEF | 10.00 | 10.40 | 11.20 | FTEF from Contract Faculty |
| Hourly FTEF | 14.20 | 15.80 | 15.60 | FTEF from Hourly Faculty |
| Overload FTEF | 2.20 | 1.60 | 1.80 | FTEF from Contract Faculty Overload |
| Part-Time FTEF | 16.40 | 17.40 | 17.40 | Hourly FTEF + Overload FTEF |
| Part-Time FTEF % | 62.12% | 62.59% | 60.84% | Percent of Total FTEF Taught By Part-Time Faculty |
| Retention Rate | 92.63% | 93.60% | 93.42% | Non-W Grades (A,B,C,CR,D,F,FW,NC) Divided By A,B,C,CR,D,F,FW,NC,W Grades |
| Success Rate | 67.70% | 64.90% | 65.79% | A,B,C,CR Grades Divided By A,B,C,CR,D,F,FW,NC,W Grades |
| Degrees Awarded | 1 | - | 1 | Total number of Degrees awarded for the Full Academic Year |
| Certificates Awarded: | 1 | - | - | Total number of Certificates awarded for the Full Academic Year |
| - Under 18 Units | - | - | - | Total number of Certificates awarded for the Full Academic Year |
| - 18 or More Units | 1 | - | - | Total number of Certificates awarded for the Full Academic Year |

2. Reflect upon and analyze the above 3-year trend data. Briefly discuss overall observations and any areas of concern or noteworthy trends.

The Department has grown and WSCH remains high - a major concern is the number of courses taught by adjunct.

3. Reflecting on the 3-year trend data, describe/discuss discipline planning related to the following:

| PLAN – 2007-08 | Progress – 2008-09 |
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| <p>a. Curriculum, programs, certificates and degrees (consider changes due to CSU/UC transfer language updates, articulation, workforce and labor market projections, certificate or degree completions, etc.)</p> <p>The curriculum, programs, certificates and degrees are being re-evaluated based on both intra-school trends and also changing expectations of the educational marketplace. We have been adjusting our offerings at satellite campuses based on demand, canceling classes which continue to have historically low enrollment and are unable to meet while trying new offerings to see if we can find the classes that are the best fit for each location.</p> | <p>Continue evaluating trends and expectations of educational marketplace. Have been required to cut 13 classes due to budgetary constraints. Expect to respond to enrollment growth with budgetary improvements.</p> |
| <p>b. Class scheduling (consider enrollment trends, growth, course rotation, comprehensiveness, etc.)</p> <p>See above.</p> | |

4. Discuss/identify the resources necessary to successfully implement the planning described:

| PLAN – 2007-08 | Progress – 2008-09 |
|--|---|
| <p>a. Equipment/Technology – block grant funds, VTEA, other resources, etc. We purchased 2 Flip video cameras, memory sticks, a number of clickers for power Point presentations, 2 video conferencing systems, 2 tripods, blank DVD's and a scanner mainly for online instruction.</p> <p>We believe the school must maintain a 3 year cycle for replacing computers. Data projectors should be budgeted for replacement as well. We should also upgrade the equipment and software for video creations.</p> | <p>We have had many faculty computer replacements. Computers in P-18, P-20, and P-22 have been up-dated and improved. Expect updates and improvements in technology as available.</p> |
| <p>b. Budget – budget development process, one-time funds, grants, etc.</p> <p>We hope to share in any gains the school obtains regarding state funds.</p> | <p>Cancelled 13 classes for Fall of 2009 as a result of budgetary cuts. Hope to reinstitute courses as is feasible.</p> |
| <p>c. Facilities – schedule maintenance needs, additional classrooms/labs due to growth, remodeling, etc.</p> <p>Looking forward to the new building – our Department could use new carpet however since we are getting a new building we will wait.</p> | <p>Participated in the ground-breaking for the MIB. Looking forward to moving in Fall of 2010, classes Spring of 2011.</p> |
| <p>d. Faculty position(s) – faculty priority process and projected full-time needs for 1 – 3 years</p> <p>We need more full time historians – we also expect an economics retirement and we expect an automatic replacement when this occurs.</p> | <p>Have lost one full-time historian and expect two history retirements in spring of 2010. Losing an economist Spring 2009. We are 11th on the hiring priority list that has been frozen due to the budget crisis. Hope to have a higher priority on the next list for our many needs.</p> |
| <p>e. Staff position(s) – changes in instructional or support needs due to program growth, new technology, etc.</p> <p>They seem adequate at the present time. We hope to share in any gains the school obtains regarding state funds.</p> | <p>Disciplines still seeking funding for tutors.</p> |
| <p>f. Other</p> | |

5. Discuss one discipline goal linked to Palomar's Strategic Plan 2009 and how it will support the success of students.

Increase the number of full-time faculty in History while recognizing the need to increase the diversity among full-time faculty.

6. Student Learning Outcome progress:

a. Describe a learning outcome at the course or program level and the assessment used to measure student learning of that outcome.

Please check our Disciplines' (Economics, History and Political Science) Institutional Review Plan for specifics.

b. Discuss a learning outcome that is observable yet difficult to measure.

See above.

7. Describe a discipline accomplishment that you want to share with the college community.

The entire Department has increased instructional faculty's awareness and referral of students to services that support student success. Economics and Political Science have been very successful with Political Economy Days.

8. Are there other resources (including data) that you need to complete your discipline review and planning?

NO

9. For programs with an external accreditation, indicate the date of the last accreditation visit and discuss recommendations and progress made on the recommendations.

10. Other comments, recommendations:

Please identify faculty and staff who participated in the development of the reviewer's planning:

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Department Chair/Designee Discipline Review and Signature Date

Division Dean Review and Signature Date

* By no later than 2/14/08, forward a hard copy to Instructional Services for review by IPC.

* Also, by no later than 2/14/08, forward an electronic copy to Institutional Research and Planning.

