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| **Discipline: Religious Studies** | **Date:** **11/30/2015** |
| **Instructional Discipline Reviewed (Each discipline is required to complete a Program Review.)** |  |

**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.

**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.**  **Craig Forney with input from Jacqueline Smith, Hal LIngerman, and Kate DeConinck.** |

**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](https://sharepoint2.palomar.edu/sites/IRPA/SitePages/Productivity%20Metric%20Summary.aspx)   + [Course Success and Retention Rates](https://sharepoint2.palomar.edu/sites/IRPA/SitePages/Success%20and%20Retention.aspx)   + [Degrees and Certifications](https://sharepoint2.palomar.edu/sites/IRPA/SitePages/Degrees%20and%20Certifications.aspx)   Enrollment declined somewhat in the fall of 2014, down from 329 in the fall of 2013 to 308 along with similar decreases in wsch and ftef, though in line with decreases in school-wide numbers. The census load also dipped to 69.06% in fall, 2014. One hundred percent of the classes in the fall of 2014 were taught by part-time faculty as Craig Forney was on sabbatical. Most importantly, however, we condensed and revised course offerings for the spring of 2015 and the census load was up to 82.4%. The wsch and ftef were also up from the numbers of spring, 2014. The upwards trends in the spring of 2015 were especially encouraging because: 1. The cap number was close to the current cap 2. The spring semester historically has lower enrollment numbers than the fall semester. The unofficial numbers for the fall of 2015 have the census load at close to 85%. So the spring of 2015 looks to have reset things strongly in a positive direction.  Success and retention rates continue to be strong, at or above the rates school-wide. The success rate has remained very consistent, within less than one percentage point of variance from 2012-2013 through 2014-2015. In terms of ethnicity, the rate for Hispanics continues to be close to the overall rate of success for Religious Studies and to the school-wide rate, up to 63.1% in 2014-2015 from about 60% in 2013-2014. Also, the success rate for students of Asian and Filipino descent continues to be strong, up to 76.2% and 71.4% respectively from 66% and 65% in 2013-2014 and in line with campus-wide numbers. Related to gender, the success rate of females was up to 68.7% from 65.6% in 2013-2014 and the rate for males down to 63.3% from 68.1% in 2013-2014. However, the rates for the two year period of 2013-2015 were quite even and in line with school-wide rates. The retention rate was down somewhat from 92.1% in 2013-2014 to 90% in 2014-2015, though in line with the school-wide rate and the rate for Distance Education remained very consistent from 90.1% to 89.9%, well above the school-wide rate of 83%. In terms of ethnicity, retention rates were higher than the general rate of 90% for students of Hispanic, Asian, and Filipino descent. White students were at 88.7%. Related to gender, retention rates for females and males was essentially the same, 89.8% for females and 90.3% for males, very much like the rates campus-wide. |

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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/>   In the Fall of 2015, we will assess RS 101 on “the ability to compare and contrast the teachings and characteristics of world religions,” RS 102 on “ability to compare and contrast core characteristics of major movements and traditions in the history of religion in the United States,” and RS 110 on “proficient knowledge of core characteristics for major communities of religion in the United States.” Assessment of RS 105 and RS 108 will occur in the Spring of 2016, on “ability to compare and contrast the roles of rituals, symbols, and myths in diverse tradtions of religion” and on “proficient knowledge of political and social influences in the history of Christianity” respectively. |

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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.**      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.** |

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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.)** |

**STEP II. Progress on Previous Year’s Goals and Plans** (See ”Step III - Updated Goals and Plans” in your completed 2014-15 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.**   We remain focused on strengthening and developing our discipline as provider of General Education in preparation of students for transfer to four year institutions, especially to CSU universities.. In pursuit of this overriding purpose, our prime goals are excellence in teaching, the preparation of students to be global citizens, and the provision of transferable classes. |

**STEP III. Resources Requested for FY 2015-16:** 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 [*Budget Category*](http://www.palomar.edu/irp/Document%20Library/PRP%20Budget%20Category.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:** [**Budget Category**](http://www.palomar.edu/irp/Document%20Library/PRP%20Budget%20Category.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.** |  | **600010** |  |  |  |  |
| **a2.** |  | **600010** |  |  |  |  |
| **a3.** |  | **600010** |  |  |  |  |
| **a4.** |  | **600010** |  |  |  |  |
| **a5.** |  | **600010** |  |  |  |  |

**Budget category b. Technology (acct 600010, examples: computers, data projectors, document readers). Enter requests on lines below. Click here for examples of technology:** [**Budget Category**](http://www.palomar.edu/irp/Document%20Library/PRP%20Budget%20Category.pdf)

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| **b1.** | **iPad** | **600010** | **Excellence in teaching** | **Goal 1** | **In Religious Studies’ pursuit to provide rigorous, enlightening transferable classes, the discipline offers a robust set of online courses. We look to increase our teaching effectiveness.** | **777.00** |
| **b2.** |  | **600010** |  |  |  |  |
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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:** [**Budget Category**](http://www.palomar.edu/irp/Document%20Library/PRP%20Budget%20Category.pdf)

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| **c1.** |  | **400010** |  |  |  |  |
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| **c5.** |  | **400010** |  |  |  |  |

**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:** [**Budget Category**](http://www.palomar.edu/irp/Document%20Library/PRP%20Budget%20Category.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 partially 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 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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**Budget category f. Short-term hourly (temporary and student worker). Enter requests on lines below.**

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| **f1.** |  | **230010** |  |  |  |  |
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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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| **1.** | **iPad** | **600010** | **Excellence in teaching** | **Goal 1** | **In Religious Studies’ pursuit to provide rigorous, enlightening transferable classes, the discipline offers a robust set of online courses. We look to increase our teaching effectiveness.** | **777.00** |
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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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