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RCC Receives Evaluator's Report

On April 21, 2008, Dr. William Bonaudi, President, Big Bend Community College, an evaluator for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) was on site to review RCC's progress on Recommendations 1 (strategic planning), 2 (assessment) and 3 (faculty evaluations), resulting from the College's *Fall 2006 Interim Report* and visit. In Fall 2008, RCC will prepare a *Progress Report* in response to Recommendations 4 (governance), 5 (financial plans) and 6 (master facilities plans) from the same *Fall 2006 Interim Report*.

In May, RCC received Dr. Bonaudi's Focused Interim Report wherein he commended the college "for its efforts to engage a large and representative

sample of the college and its communities in its strategic planning process." And, "for developing a strong and effective process for evaluation of full-time faculty." He noted, "both faculty and administrators are strongly committed to its several components and its utility."

Recommendations include (1) complet[ing] the "Strategic Plan with the development and implementation of measurable outcomes, processes to collect data on achievement of the outcomes and demonstration of data-based decisions effecting teaching, learning and resource allocation so it can demonstrate compliance with Standard 1.B *Planning and Effectiveness*." (2) "continu[ing] to support an environment of regular and continuous assessment at

all levels of the College, including instruction. Most specifically it needs to incorporate a process at all levels of assessment that documents the regular use of data to make decisions. Standard 1.B *Planning and Effectiveness* and 2.B *Educational Program Planning and Assessment*."

And, (3) "establish[ing] a college-wide process of evaluation of part-time faculty that supplements the effective Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI) form currently used, with other regular inputs regarding the performance of part-time faculty. Standard 4.A.5, Policy 4.1 *Faculty Evaluation*."

If you have questions regarding these commendations and/or recommendations, please contact Accreditation Liaison Officer, Dean Galyn Carlile, Ext. 7742.

Institutional Priority Projects 2007/08

All staff received copies of the final report on RCC's five institutional priority projects for 2007/08 in their spring inservice packets. Projects included, (1) building the strategic plan; (2) strengthening teaching and learning assessment, evaluation and access, (3) implementing and enhancing

workforce development and career pathways, (4) strengthening the RCC/SOU partnership and (5) developing an institutional facilities master plan and updating the fiscal/finance master plan. Work on these priorities is ongoing. At least three of these projects require further attention for upcoming reports and reviews from the

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. The other two have been folded into the new 2008-12 Strategic Plan. If you missed the final report and interested in reviewing a copy, please contact Denise Swafford, Administrative Coordinator, President's Office, dswafford@roguecc.edu or Ext. 7087.

2007-08 Goals Assessment

IPEC has scheduled an all-day retreat on Thursday, August 7 to review and assess 2007-08 college goals and objectives.

To view the entire *2006-07 Assessment of Institutional Goals and Objectives Report*, go to the Strategic Planning database on the RCC intranet.

For more information, contact Curt Sommerfeld, Associate Dean, College Services and Chair, IPEC
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NWCCU

In addition to the April 21 Focused Interim Report and visit (see page 1, *Evaluator's Report*), the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities has requested RCC submit a written progress report in Fall 2008 on recommendations outlined below. That report is due **October 17, 2008**.



2008-12 STRATEGIC PLAN

The College's proposed new Strategic Plan was reviewed by the Board of Education at a special June 2 retreat. They have made suggestions for revisions to the Plan, to be reviewed and discussed by the Strategic Planning Synthesis team prior to the Board's June 17 meeting, where the plan is scheduled for approval. To review the Plan go to www.rogucecc.edu/President/08-12/spAll-Staff08.pdf

Once approved, Phase 2, Implementation, will begin. Phase 2 includes developing measurable outcomes and achieving them.

For more information contact Mary O'Kief, Grants and Planning Coordinator, President's Office, mokief@rogucecc.edu; Ext. 7596 or 7283.

IPEC

The Institutional Planning and Effectiveness Council (IPEC) provides updates and information as it becomes available. You can access copies of the Council's meeting minutes and other information on the intranet under Council and Committees/IPEC.

For questions or comments about any of these issues, please contact any Council member (see page 1).

Organizing is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it is not all mixed up.

-- A. A. Milne --

ACCREDITATION ASSIGNMENTS FROM NWCCU FOR FALL 2008

STD	CHAIR	IPEC LIAISON	ASSIGNMENT
6	Lynda Kettler	Denise Swafford	It is recommended that RCC's system of governance facilitate the successful accomplishment of its mission and goals. It is recommended that the administration and staff be organized to support the teaching and learning environment that results in the achievement of the institution's mission and goals. Further- more, it is recommended that the role of faculty and students in institutional governance, planning budgeting, and policy development be made clear and public and that faculty and students are supported in their roles. <i>Accreditation Handbook</i> reference: Standard 6, 6.C, 6.D, and 6.E.
7	Lynda Warren	Curtis Sommerfeld	It is recommended that RCC publish financial plans for a minimum of three-year projections in major categories. <i>Accreditation Handbook</i> reference: Standard 7.A.2
8	Pat Huebsch	John Lopez	It is recommended that RCC develop master facilities plans that are based on the mission and goals of the institution and are updated periodically. <i>Accreditation Handbook</i> reference: Standard 8.C.1