



De Anza College Accreditation 2005

October 18-20

Overview of Accreditation

The third week of October is the culmination of the Self-Study process that began for us in 2003 with the appointment of an Accreditation Liaison Officer. As you know, this year will be our first Self-Study using the four new accreditation standards. Four teams, one for each standard, were established and made up of faculty, staff, students, and administrators. These teams carefully examined our college and its programs and services based on the guidelines and criteria in each new standard.

The analyses and recommendations related to each standard are contained in the Self-Study report that was published and distributed prior to the start of the 2005 fall quarter. Visit our Web site at www.deanza.edu/about/accreditation/ to download a copy of the Self-Study.

The entire college community has been fortunate to have strong dedication, commitment, and leadership from the accreditation co-chairs and the invaluable work of the members of each standard team. De Anza College thanks the faculty, staff, students, and administrators who dedicated the necessary time to do the research, write the descriptive summaries, thoroughly evaluate evidence, and develop planning agendas related to the existing and future work of the college.

The opening reception for the Visiting Team will be held on Tuesday, October 18, followed by a campus tour. The 12-member team will spend several days on our campus reviewing evidence, attending meetings, interviewing administrators, faculty, staff, and students, and meeting with district staff.

Visiting Team members have thoroughly read our Self-Study, viewed a number of

our Web sites, and read through our college catalog and schedule of classes, among other documents. Now their task is to validate our perceptions of ourselves and examine the evidence that we have gathered to determine if we are meeting the criteria and intent of the new accreditation standards. Please welcome the Visiting Team members into your offices and classrooms and help them see our commitment to educational excellence and student equity.



On Thursday, October 20, the final day of their visit, the Visiting Team will give a preliminary report to the college community on its findings and major recommendations. This meeting is important and should be attended by the entire college community. Please see below for times and locations of meetings that are open to the entire De Anza College community.

Again, thanks to everyone who worked hard and understood the importance of the Accreditation Self-Study document and the process that lead to its creation.

A special thank you and welcome to the members of the Visiting Team – we welcome and value your feedback and recommendations.

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The Visiting Team will provide two drop-in opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to meet and discuss concerns.

Tuesday, October 18	Team Open Meeting	5-6 p.m. Fireside room
Wednesday, October 19	Team Open Meeting	1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Fireside Room
Thursday, October 20	Exit Report to the College	1:30 p.m. Fireside Room

Meet the Accreditation Visiting Team



Dr. Christopher McCarthy
Team Chair

Dr. **Chris McCarthy** has worked in the California Community Colleges system since 1981. He has been the Superintendent/President of Napa Valley College since January 2002. He previously held the position of Executive Vice President of Instructional Services at Glendale College (1995-2001), overseeing the development of the adult Weekend College, Fire Academy, Teacher Training, and Animation programs. Chris has served in a number of positions at Los Angeles Harbor College: As Dean of Academic Affairs (1992-1995), he oversaw six instructional divisions, scheduling, catalog, summer school, and study abroad programs. As a Professor of English (1984-1992), he taught English, Speech, and Journalism; served as division chair; directed the Honors Program; and developed courses in Steinbeck, Contemporary Literature, and Playwriting. From 1981-1983, he was Director of the VEA Tutoring Program. Chris holds a B.A. in English from Immaculate Heart College, an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from University of Oregon, and an M.A. and Ed.D. from UCLA. This is his 6th time chairing an Accreditation Team, and his 10th Accreditation Visit.

Dr. **Pat Caldwell** spent 16 years in the California Community Colleges system where she served as a counselor, instructor, academic department chair, Student Services Dean and Vice-President and, until her retirement in 2005, Vice President/Assistant Superintendent for El Camino College. She also has 13 years of experience as a consultant to community colleges and their foundations, public agencies and not-for-profit groups, primarily in the areas of strategic planning, management and board training, and organizational development. Pat served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Victorville Chamber of Commerce and chaired the Chamber's first successful accreditation effort. She also served 10 years on the Victor Elementary School Board and the Victor Valley College Foundation Board, and several years on the Desert Communities United Way Board. Pat holds a Ph.D. from UC Riverside where she majored in Politics of Education and Management and Decision-making.

Dr. **Joseph Carrithers** is a Professor of English at Fullerton College, where he has been teaching development and college-level writing, critical thinking, literature, and film classes since 1994. He served as Faculty Senate President for three years (1998-2001) and was co-chair of the Fullerton College Self-Study in 1999 and chair of the college's 2005 Self-Study. Joe holds a B.A. in Communications/Journalism, another B.A. in History and English, and an M.A. in English, all three from Mississippi State University. He also holds an M.A. and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Southern California. This is his 2nd Accreditation Visit.

Ms. **Carol Dexheimer** is a graduate of California Community Colleges, and has served as the Vice President of Administrative Services at San Diego City College since 1988. She has worked in both the K-12 and community college environments. Carol has participated in multiple accreditation processes and normally chairs the Fiscal or Physical Resource standards for the internal self-study at City College. She holds an A.A. in Biology, a B.S. in Accounting, and an M.A. in Public Administration.

Mr. **William "Bill" Farmer** is Vice President of Academic Affairs at Cerritos College in Norwalk, a southern suburb of Los Angeles. Prior to joining Cerritos College, he served as Vice President of Academic Affairs for four years at Los Angeles Mission College. While there, he guided the college in its initial efforts to implement student learning outcomes and their assessment, including the development of general education learning outcomes that were adopted by the faculty curriculum committee. Before joining Los Angeles Mission College, he worked for 20 years at Pasadena City College, first as an English Professor, and then as Dean of English and Foreign Languages, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and Dean of Research and Planning. He has served as Accreditation Liaison Officer at all three colleges and has previously served on one Accreditation Visiting Team for Cosumnes River College.

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De Anza College Mission:

"Building on its tradition of excellence, De Anza College challenges students of every background to:

- develop their intellect, character, and abilities;
- achieve their educational goals; and
- serve their community in a diverse and changing world."



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Accreditation Visiting Team profiles – Continued

Dr. **Carolyn Inouye** is the Director of Institutional Research for the Ventura County Community College District. The district serves approximately 31,000 students at Moorpark, Oxnard, and Ventura colleges. She has more than 20 years of experience in research and evaluation. Prior to joining the community colleges, she held various positions in student services and in research in the UC system and has experience as a program evaluation consultant. Dr. Inouye received her B.A. in Psychology, M.A. in Education, and Ph.D. in Education (with specializations in Higher Education and Evaluation) from UCLA. She is a member of the Matriculation and Assessment advisory groups for the State Chancellor's Office and has served on the board of the Research and Planning Group for the California Community Colleges. She also currently serves on the Board of Advisors for The Salvation Army College for Officer Training at Crestmont.

Ms. **Linda Rose**, a member of Cerritos College's Liberal Arts Division faculty, is also the Interim Instructional Dean for the division. In 1987, Linda enrolled in the PACE Program at West Los Angeles College. Her positive experience in the PACE Program helped strengthen her academic skills and gain the confidence she needed to continue her education. In 1989, she earned her A.A. and then transferred to the PACE Program at CSU Dominguez Hills, where she earned her B.A. and later her M.A. in English. Linda creates a classroom environment where her expectations of students are high, and she encourages them to do better than they ever imagined. She also creates an environment where students learn to work with peers to achieve their goals. She knows, from personal experience, that positive relationships with peers while in college can provide support and encouragement to help students succeed.

Ms. **Grace Slocum**, currently serving her third term as Trustee of the Riverside Community College Board of Trustees, has served three terms as President. Grace helped RCC forge partnerships with Ford and Toyota to establish model programs for high-wage job training, as well as the Passport to College, a program for RCC scholarships for fifth grade students. In 2001-2002 she co-chaired the Education Committee of the California Community College Trustees'

Association, and currently serves as Secretary and Past President of the Inland Valleys Community College Trustee and CEO Association, an association she founded. She is the founder and past co-chair of Common Ground, and Shelter Riverside County. She served on the Executive Council for Children for more than 10 years, and was a member of the Mayor's Task Force on Youth, served as president of Magnolia Business and Professional Women, Crestview Estates Homeowners' Association, the Riverside Agency Executives' Association, and the California Alliance of Information and Referral Services. She served as a board member of two United Ways, the Fee Arbitration Committee of the Riverside Bar Association, as well as many other organizations. In 1991, Grace was honored with the YWCA's prestigious "Woman of Achievement" Award.

Ms. **Bonnie Thoreen** is the Dean of Napa Valley College's satellite campus, Upper Valley, in St. Helena. She is responsible for non-credit and community education, a culinary school, the Trips and Tours program, and the Emeritus College. Bonnie is also responsible for the campus library, a position she has held for about 25 years. Over the years of her association with Napa Valley College, she has also supervised media services, electronic classroom, technology planning, and staff development.

Ms. **Judith Walter-Burke** is the Dean of Research, Planning and Development and the Accreditation Liaison Officer at Napa Valley College. Her primary responsibilities include chairing the college's planning committee, coordinating college-wide planning with the program level evaluation and planning process, writing grant applications, and supervising the research office. She has been at Napa Valley College since 1987. Previously she was Director of Planning and Development, Title III Coordinator, and Assistant to the President. She also worked for the Peralta Community College District for eight years. Judie has an M.B.A. from St. Mary's College and a B.A. in geography from Millersville State College in Pennsylvania. Judie has been on three self-study teams and has been the assistant to the chair on four site visits. She has also co-chaired three accreditation self-studies at Napa Valley College.