# SAN DIEGO CONTINUING EDUCATION

# 2017/18 - Year 1 of ACS WASC Accreditation Cycle

# **Accreditation News**

Spring 2018 May 31, 2018

San Diego Continuing Education (SDCE), an adult education institution within the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD), is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) on a six-year basis. Accreditation standards are important to maintain because they keep our institution at a high level of excellence in how we organize and present our curriculum. When students attend a class, or when businesses and local community groups look to us for partnerships, they know they are working with first-rate faculty, classified professionals, and administrators. SDCE is currently accredited through June 2023 and is continually documenting and improving processes to maintain accreditation on an ongoing basis. In the coming years, it is a priority that all stakeholders are informed about activities in support of accreditation and progress on SDCE's Action Plan.

Please visit SDCE's Accreditation web page on the Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIE) site for more information.

#### **Accreditation Sub-Committee**

This spring, at the request of the Planning & Institutional Effectiveness (PIE) committee, an Accreditation subcommittee was formed to report annually on Action Plan progress and implement processes and systems to get us ready for the mid-cycle review and ultimately the next self-study. At a later point in the cycle this group will become the Accreditation Steering Committee. Currently, we're working on communication strategies and evaluating a forth-coming software system for evidence collection and increased efficiency in self-study reporting. The build-out and implementation of the system and processes are planned for this coming fall and spring.

# **Sub-Committee Membership**

Jessica Luedtke, Acting Dean OIE (chair)

Barbara Pongsrikul, Instructional Dean

Nancy Cortes, Researcher

Magdalena Kwiatkowski, Faculty

Marne Foster, Faculty

Karen King, Office Manager

Ginger Davis, Senior Secretary

### **Sub-Committee Meetings**

The Accreditation Sub-Committee meets monthly throughout fall and spring. Fall dates: TBD

If you are interested in attending a meeting, please contact Jessica Luedtke at <a href="mailto:jluedtke@sdccd.edu">jluedtke@sdccd.edu</a>

# **Action Plan Progress**

Progress on both the Institutional Strategic Plan and the Accreditation Action Plan was assessed by the Accreditation Sub-Committee and PIE, culminating in an institution-wide report presented to EGC last week. The <a href="Progress Report">Progress Report</a> and an <a href="Executive Summary">Executive Summary</a> are posted on OIE's website.

Growth Areas	Total # Objectives	Complete/ Ongoing	In Progress
Growth in Enrollment and Student Success	8		8
Increased Communication / Community Collaboration	3	1	2
Professional Development	1	1	
Maintaining / Securing Technology in support of instruction & student services	2	1	1
Integrated Planning	2		2

