

Accreditation Updates

Solano College, Academic Affairs

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In our last update, we focused on Standard I and the college Mission Statement, which expresses our commitment to student learning. In this issue, we move to Standard II:

Standard II: Student Learning Programs and Support Services

The institution offers instructional programs, library and learning support services, and student support services aligned with its mission.

This standard covers all of our educational programs, student and program learning outcomes, institution-set standards, admissions and placement, and more. It also includes *Institutional Learning Outcomes (Standard IIA.11)*.

Do you know Solano College's ILOs? Here they are (brief versions):

COMMUNICATION COMPETENCE: Students will clearly communicate ideas and information through writing, speaking, presenting, art, or other modes of communication

INFORMATION COMPETENCY: Students will be conversant in the vocabulary and concepts of the discipline

QUANTITATIVE COMPETENCY: Students will solve problems using appropriate mathematical techniques

ANALYTIC INQUIRY & ETHICS: Students will engage in critical thinking and apply ethical principles and consider multiple perspectives

GLOBAL AWARENESS: Students will demonstrate an understanding of how diverse cultural beliefs and practices impact behavior

PERSONAL GROWTH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Students will manage personal health and well-being and demonstrate effective workplace behaviors

Are you promoting these ILOs in the classes you teach or the services you provide?

(Check out www.solano.edu/slo)



Student Support Services

The college has several support services to help students achieve their goals. Here are just a few:

- **The Library Reference Desk:** Live and via a 24/7 online chat widget
- **Academic Success and Tutoring Center:** drop-in tutoring for English and some Math, plus other subjects. Also – workshops on various topics, like “Managing Test Anxiety” and “How to Succeed in an Online Class.”
- **Math Activities Center (MAC):** drop-in support and workshops from student tutors and math faculty.
- **Course-Embedded Academic Support:** In English and Math, as well as in the Umoja and Puente programs.
- **Disability Services Program:** Serves around 800 students.

Our site visit is

October 2-5, 2017.

Let's be ready!



Doh! Enrollment Services Wins Donuts!

In our last issue, we put forward a challenge: the school that collects the most outdated mission statement posters wins love and adoration in the form of donuts. Enrollment Services staff collected 25 of the old statements! Congratulations to Dean Shannon Beckham's team! Your donuts are on their way!

Quiz: Do you know who these programs serve? Match the program to the service (*answers below*).

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| ___ Umoja | A. To increase the number of Mexican American and Latino students who transfer to 4-year colleges. |
| ___ Puente | B. To encourage the enrollment, retention and transfer of students disadvantaged by language, social, economic circumstances. |
| ___ CalWORKS | C. To help students make a smooth transition to college and successfully transfer. Special emphasis on African-American students. |
| ___ MESA | D. Engages educationally disadvantaged students to excel in math and science. |
| ___ EOPS | E. To provide job-direct training and provide assistance with job search activities. |

Did you Know. . .

. . . Solano College's Library holds approximately **45,000** volumes, plus **2,000** reference books and **123** magazine and journal subscriptions. Also, students can access several **online databases**.

For a brief online course (one-two hours) on accreditation basics, go to www.trainingway.com/accjc/

Flex credit eligible!

Self-Evaluation Timeline:

April 24-May 7	<i>Draft available for Constituent Groups to Review for Feedback</i>
May 24	<i>Final Version due to Superintendent-President Esposito-Noy</i>
June 2	<i>1st Read by the Governing Board</i>
June 28	<i>Governing Board Approval</i>
August 1	<i>Submittal to ACCJC (90 days prior to Site Visit)</i>
October 2-5	<i>Accreditation Site Visit!</i>

The purpose of these updates is to prepare our college community for the upcoming site visit. We all share in our students' successes, and the visiting team will want to know if everyone at Solano College is aware of the accrediting process and our collective efforts to improve and offer the best programs possible. We hope these updates are informative and encouraging. *For questions, please contact:*

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Quiz Answers: Umoja (C); Puente (A); CalWORKS (E); MESA (D); EOPS (B)