

Accreditation Updates

Solano College, Academic Affairs

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Standard III of the Accreditation Self Evaluation Report focuses on Resources, breaking them out into 4 major areas:

Standard III: Resources

The institution effectively uses its human, physical, technology, and financial resources to achieve its mission and to improve academic quality and institutional effectiveness.

Our site visit is
October 2-5, 2017.



QUIZ:

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE COLLEGE'S RESOURCES?

1. Custodians at SCC are expected to clean _____ square feet of building space, but due to staffing limitations some are responsible for a bit more.
2. Plans for new construction and building upgrades are submitted to the DSA to show compliance with all codes. DSA stands for _____.
3. Recent major building upgrades and construction of new buildings like the Performing Arts Building, New Science Building, and Biotechnology and Science Building in Vacaville have been funded by _____.
4. Campus security is provided through a contract with _____.
5. Taking space utilization data and projected programmatic needs into account, the Five-Year _____ Plan outlines plans for new and replacement buildings on campus.
6. The _____ Plan provides the direction for SCC technology resources.
7. Candidates for all faculty positions must meet or exceed _____ set forth for their discipline.
8. District policies and procedures are viewable by clicking on the _____ link from the College homepage.
9. District Board Policy 3010 requires the College to maintain a minimum reserve budget of ____% of the total unrestricted general fund to provide for unforeseen emergencies.
10. The bulk of College funding comes from the _____ process, which is primarily driven by enrollment.

HOW DID YOU SCORE?? CHECK OUT THE ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEXT PAGE.

Did you Know. . .

. . . Solano College budgets approximately **87%** of unrestricted general funds to **employee compensation**, including benefits. Currently, the College keeps about 17% of funds – equal to 2 months of payroll – in reserve.

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

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HUMAN RESOURCES (III.A.)

Standard III.A.13 requires that the College “upholds a written **code of professional ethics** for all of its personnel, including consequences for violation.” Here is ours:

- *Act with uncompromising integrity, dignity, respect, and fairness, and promote a spirit of collegiality campus-wide.*
- *Recognize and work to meet the college’s responsibility to all citizens of the District to provide an educational program of the highest quality.*
- *Maintain and support transparency, communication, and equity in governance of the College, and in relationship to the community.*
- *Commit to the advancement and protection of academic freedom for all members of the institution.*

PHYSICAL RESOURCES (III.B.)

When considering the success of our students, we often forget the important role that the buildings and grounds play. Standard III.B.1 requires “**safe and sufficient**” physical resources at all locations to “assure access, safety, security, and healthful learning and working environment.” From our self-study:

“The new District Standards for Design and Construction, developed in 2015-2016, plan for the total cost of ownership of new facilities, fixtures and equipment, taking into consideration the efficiency, life-span, versatility, safety, and personnel requirements of all projects and purchases. . . . Where possible, the College makes use of a statewide purchasing program (through CCCCO), “College Buys,” which combines the purchasing power of all institutions in the CCC System to secure the best pricing. In addition, using consistent and standard products and systems throughout the district’s facilities contains the variety of parts & products needed and reduces the need for training on different systems.”

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES (III.C.)

The College Technology Services unit oversees, services, and maintains **32 computer labs, 2438 computers, 395 printers**, a campus digital signage system, the campus security camera network, and all the software platforms that help us teach our students, enroll them in classes, pay our employees, communicate with each other, report data, and, well, everything else we do at our computers.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES (III.D.)

Financial activity at the College is **audited annually** by an independent 3rd party (III.D.6) and are submitted to the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor’s Office. The District generally does well in these audits, proving that we have the capacity to plan and manage our financial resources “**with integrity**,” but recent findings also indicate opportunities to strengthen internal controls and operating efficiency. For example, the College recently corrected a situation that allowed for overstating FTES (Full-Time Equivalent Students) on our Annual Report.

Self-Evaluation Timeline:

April 24-May 15	<i>Draft available for Constituent Groups to Review for Feedback</i>
May 24	<i>Final Version due to Superintendent-President Esposito-Noy</i>
June 7	<i>1st Read by the Governing Board</i>
June 21	<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 hope these updates are informative and encouraging. For questions, please contact:

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