

IR's Emerging and Expanding Role in Addressing the New Issues in Community Colleges Accreditation



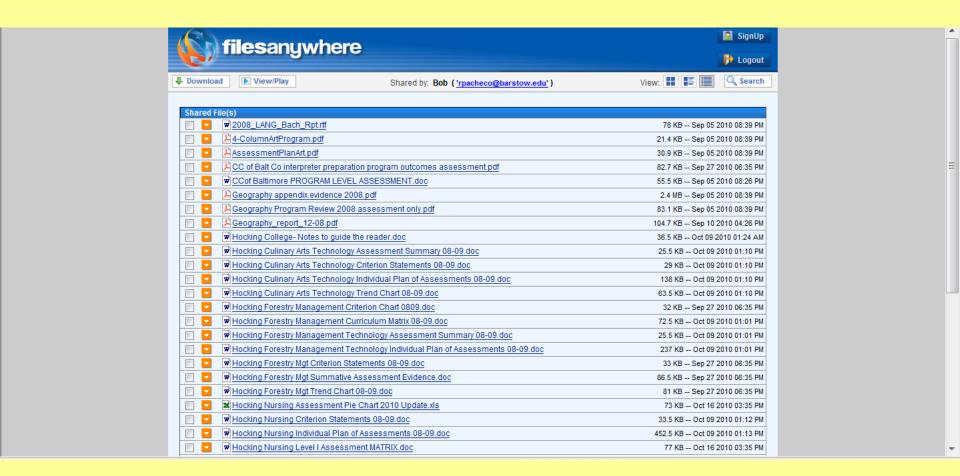
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A Cloud on your Horizon



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Outcomes

Brainstorm some of the emerging issues as college IR offices build capacity to answer the augmented peal for accountability.

Think about the hurdles in terms of a gap analysis.

Link action plans to the gap analysis to create positive change

Apply the Rubric to Our Work



Who I am, Who I am not



SHOWCASING SOLUTIONS.

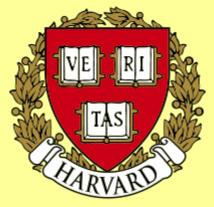
On March 4, 2011, the <u>SLO/Assessment Task Force</u> met with Commission staff to explore the idea of creating a more descriptive statement clarifying institutional good practices with respect to learning outcomes and assessment that might serve as a model for the 2012 Commission imposed deadline for colleges to be at the proficiency level on the ACCJC Rubric for Evaluating Institutional Effectiveness (Rubric) with respect to Student Learning Outcomes (Part III). The participants in this first Task Force meeting were Marcy Alancraig, Cabrillo College; Robert Pacheco, Barstow College; and Fred Trapp, formerly Long Beach City College (retired).

Discussion highlights included 1) how the proficiency level of the Rubric is connected to the Accreditation Standards; 2) if proficiency were achieved, what would it look like when everything is in place; and 3) what evidence would a college provide and how would comprehensive site visit teams evaluate SLOs/Assessment?

Some of the ideas posed during the SLO/Assessment Task Force discussion were reflected in the recently revised version of the ACCJC Rubric for Evaluating Institutional Effectiveness, Part III Student Learning Outcomes, which is available on the ACCJC website under Publications and Policies. A memo from Dr. Barbara Beno highlighting the changes was sent to CEOs, CIOs, CSSOs, ALOs, and Academic Senates on June 23, 2011. The Commission hopes the revised Rubric will be a useful tool for colleges and evaluators as the 2012 SLO/Assessment deadline.

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My Bias



- No Absolute Truths (We are Popperians Afterall)
- Build a Community of Knowledge
- Best Available Evidence For Decisions Given Limited Choices



The world we now live in ...

Hat tip Greg Stoup...



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'Trust Us' Won't Cut It Anymore

By Kevin Carey

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That's the only answer colleges ever provide when asked how much their students learn.

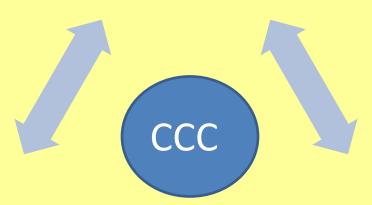
Sure, they acknowledge, it's hard for students to find out what material individual courses will

It could be a Zen koan: if everybody in the class gets an A, what does an A mean?

The answer: Not what it should, says Andrew Perrin, a sociologist at the University of North

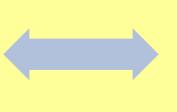
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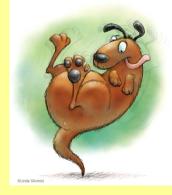
Operationalizing Institutional Effectiveness



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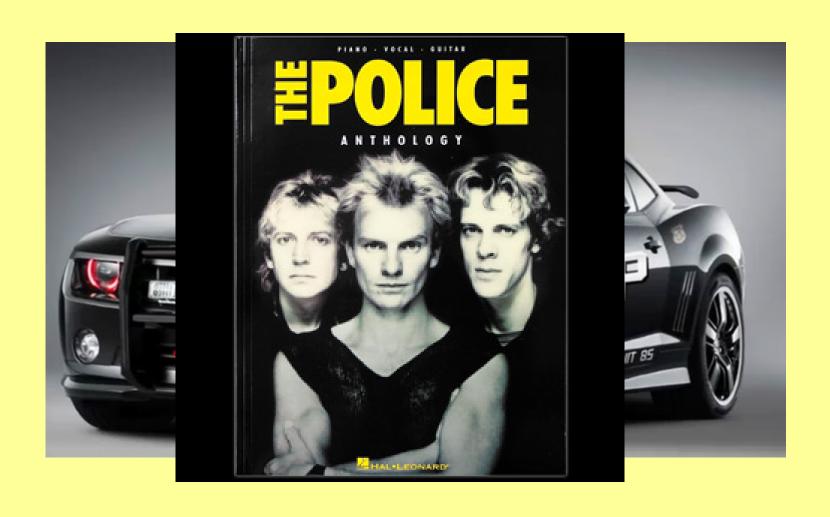
Processes, but





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What's the Commission Looking At



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Colleges on Sanction January 2009 - January 2011

Top Deficiencies Causing Sanctions

Colleges on Sanction	Program Review	PLANNING	INTERNAL GOVERNANCE	Board	FINANCIAL
2009 SANCTIONS (N=24)	71 % (17)	92 % (22)	46% (11)	46% (11)	54% (13)
2010 SANCTIONS (N=19)	68 % (13)	89 % (17)	42% (8)	58% (11)	58% (11)
2011 SANCTIONS (N=21)	19 % (4)	71% (15)	24% (5)	67 % (14)	62% (13)

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Think About it...

- About \$5,000 FTE/semester
- Average \$3000 Pell
- Miscellaneous Supports \$500



\$15,000/year over four years to get to transfer = \$60,000 per student....

What is the Return on Investment?

Hurdles

- Lack of Buy-In
- Status-Quo
- Accountability
- Existing Contracts
- Just Compliance
- Comfortable
- Change is Not Easy





Self Study Manual

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ACCJC Standards Adopted June 2002

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Let's Take a Walk...

POSSIBLE NEW DIRECTIONS FOR ACCREDITATION

There are several different alternative directions that are being discussed, some of which are familiar because they have been put forward in the past. The practical aspects of implementing any of these ideas are not often examined in detail, and the costs and orga greater than the expected benefits of such changes.



One idea is to organize accreditation by institutional type, allowing each type of institution to have a national accrediting body. (Note: In June 2011discussions before the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Improvement (NACIQI), some major research proposed that they develop their own accreditation system.) Another idea is to establish levels of accreditation, so that better quality institutions can be distinguished from institutions that just minimally conforming to accreditation standards. This idea responds to the public's interest in using accreditation outcomes to compare institutions. A third idea is to establish some minimum levels of performance on such factors as graduation rate, and require that institutions that receive accreditation meethers. (Note: Some national and programmatic accrediting bodies currently use thresholds for accreditation. If fourth idea is to use professionally trained reviewers instead of peer reviewers. Many other countries currently employ this strategy, but ironically, many are looking to American peer review as a better model. Finally, a fifth idea is to decouple accreditation from federal funding, and develop a federally administered, data driven methodology for establishing institutional eligibility for Title IV, with the expectation that then institutional quality - as defined by numbers and quality of graduates - would improve.

Types of Gaps

Cognitive: Caused by knowledge, skills or

abilities that must be learned to

do the work

Motivation: Faculty lack the active choice,

mental effort or persistence

Structural: Organizational barriers that

block buy-in

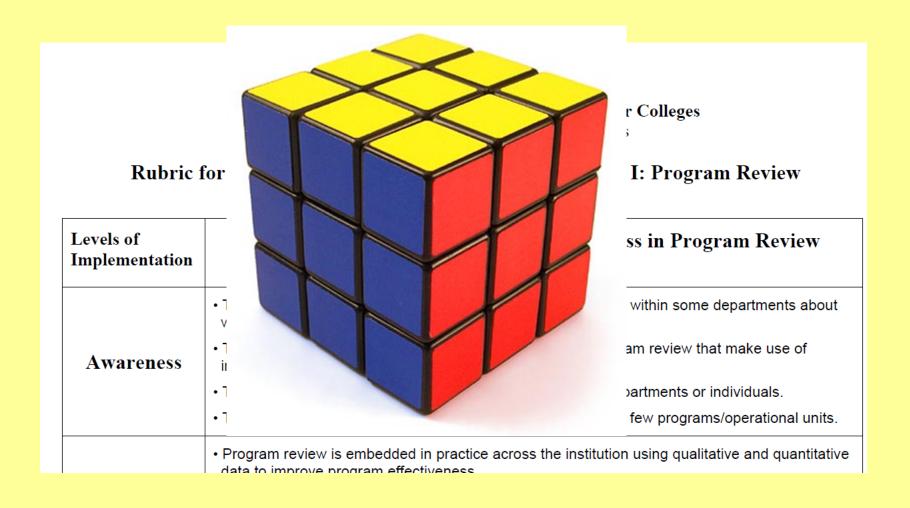
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What are the primary obstacles that cause the gap in performance?							
Knowledge Gap Caused by knowledge,	\ /	Motivational Gap Active Choice, Mental Effort,	Organizational Gap				
skilis and abilities that must be learned to be successful	·	Persistence	block or prevent the outcome from being met.				
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People	Technology	Funding	Facilities				
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	What are the reso	urces that are needed to h	heln close the nan?				
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The Rubric or The Researcher's Sudoku



Areas to Consider

- Will the College Sustain its Processes?
- How Buoyant is the College in the Coming Decade?
- Will Institutional Effectiveness become the new Axis upon which the College Rotates?
- How will the Political Realities Impact the Goal to Measure Student Learning and Achievement and Keep Our Pledge to Academic Quality?