Accreditation Update

Board of Director’s Meeting – January 18, 2018
Why is Accreditation Important?

- Ensures that an institution’s academic programs meet acceptable levels of quality.
- Validity and accountability.
- Title IV eligibility. (Financial Aid)
- Continuous improvement.
Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities (NWCCU)

- Leadership Changes
  - Retirement of Dr. Sandra Elman as of October 2017.
  - Interim President Dr. Marlene Moore until search concludes mid-year.
- Currently undergoing their own re-recognition process with the U.S. Department of Education.
NWCCU Standards

• 1 – Mission and Core Themes
• 2 – Resources and Capacity
• 3 – Planning and Implementation
• 4 – Effectiveness and Improvement
• 5 – Mission Fulfillment, Adaptation and Sustainability
Accreditation Cycle

• 7 Year Cycle - PCC’s Cycle runs from 2016 – 2022
• Year One Evaluation Report
  – Submitted Spring 2016
  – Covered Mission, Core Themes and Expectations
• Mid-Cycle Evaluation Report & Visit
  – Report Due March 1, 2018
  – Covers readiness to provide evidence of mission fulfillment
  – Visit Scheduled for April 18\textsuperscript{th} and 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2018
  – 2 Evaluators
• Year Seven Comprehensive Self-Evaluation Report & Visit
  – Report Due Spring 2022
  – Visit late April/May 2022, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, 5 Evaluators
  – Process for self-evaluation begins 2021
Core Themes & Key Indicators of Achievement (KIAs)

• Core Themes taken directly from our mission:
  – Access and Student Success
  – Economic Development and Sustainability
  – Quality Education
  – Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

• Key Indicators of Achievement (KIAs)
  – How we know if we’re fulfilling our mission.
  – Must have targets and be measureable.
More on KIAs

• Elevating the of value and importance of KIAs through the intentional integration with strategic planning efforts, priorities, and work at the college.

• Mid-Cycle Visit allows for an opportunity to share KIAs and how they are incorporated into assessment and documentation of mission fulfillment.
Contracting College - Oregon Coast CC

• Comprehensive Self-Study Evaluation as a Candidate for Accreditation due late February 2018.

• Evaluation visit in April 2018.

• June 2018 – NWCCU will decide if OCCC can move to candidacy status (5 year process).