

2017-2018 Year-End Committee Report Form

Committee: Accreditation Review Committee

Chair:
Kathleen McConnell

Chair-Elect for 2018-2019:
Kathleen McConnell

Number of Meetings held: 2

Items of Business Completed 2017/2018

1. Prepared for the WASC campus visit on Sept 26 & 27
2. Debriefed after the WASC visit and identified follow-up action items for each of the five WASC recommendations.
3. Reviewed Academic Senate expectations for ARC meeting minutes

Unfinished Business Items from 2017/2018

1. None.
- 2.
- 3.

New Business Items for 2018/2019

1. ARC may need to convene to review progress reports in preparation for the mid-cycle review due in May 2019.
- 2.
- 3.

Please return to the Office of the Academic Senate (ADM 176/0024) by May 31, 2018.

Accreditation Review Committee (ARC)

September 1, 2017

9:00 to 11:00 AM, Clark 412

Present: Thalia Anagnos (AVP, GUP), Tracy Elliot (Dean, SJSU's University Library), John Murray (Faculty, College of Science), Scott Heil (Director, IEA), Stef Frazier (Chair, Academic Senate), Ravisha Mathur (Vice Chair, Academic Senate), Steve Caplan (Tower Foundation Board of Directors), Kathleen McConnell (ARC Chair), Annette Nellen (Professor, Director of MST Program), Nancy Nguyen (Senior Coordinator for Campus Programming and Leadership Development), Ariadna Manzo (President, Associated Students), Shannon Rose Riley (Chair of Humanities), Carl Kemnitz (Deputy Provost), and Mary Wilson, Chair, Program Planning

Absent: Reggie Blaylock (VP of Student Affairs), Michael Randle (Associate Director, Academic Advising and Retention Services), Meekyung Han (Professor, School of Social Work), Chris Tseng (Director of Assessment), and Charlie Faas (VP of Admin & Finance),

9:00 Introductions

9:15 Review of WASC Schedule – corrections and additions made

9:45 WASC Visiting Team

10:00 WASC's requests for additional data and information

10:10 Topics to be addressed during the visit

10:30 Highlights from WASC report

10:45 Additional planning or preparation?

Important dates:

WASC visit: Sept 26 & 27

Next ARC meeting: Friday November 3 at 9:00 AM

Minutes Accreditation Review Committee
November 3, 2017
9:00 to 10:30 AM, Clark 412

Attending: Kathleen McConnell, ARC Chair, Thalia Anagnos, AVP GUP, WASC ALO, Tracy Elliot, Dean, SJSU's University Library, Stefan Frazier, Chair, Academic Senate, Colleen Haight, Chair, Dept of Economics, Scott Heil, Director, Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Analytics, Carl Kemnitz, Deputy Provost, John Murray, Faculty, College of Science, Sharon Willey, Interim VP of Student Affairs, Mary Wilson, Chair, Program Planning

Reviewed Academic Senate expectations for ARC meeting minutes

Action item: Starting today ARC member will take minutes and we will approve them at future meetings.

Debrief the WASC visit: summary of the WASC team report and five recommendations

Discussion of the WASC commendations – no action needed

Recommendation 1: Strengthen Student Affairs

- One interpretation - deepen connections between SA and AA at all levels
- Another interpretation – totally positive, just continue to do the same and be sure to continue to strengthen SA according to national norms
- It is important to ensure a partnership between SA and AA as SJSU moves forward on student success initiatives.

Recommendation 2: Staff Communication (1200 regular staff at SJSU)

- Address staff on Senate and Senate Committees – Referral in the Organization and Government Committee of the Senate
- Perhaps share this recommendation with University Personnel – and ask them to take leadership? Start the conversation with Jaye Bailey
- IEA can provide same data from 2015 Campus Climate to support activities in UP
- Campus Climate survey in Spring 2018 – include questions that can be benchmarked
- Stef Frazier will submit senate referral to explore university level Outstanding Staff award
- Leadership development groups in divisions other than AA? SA does a monthly professional development program – participation is self-initiated.
- Data are being collected in Strategic Planning
- Chair training on managing staff – Carl Kemnitz will make suggestion to Dennis Jaehne who is running the chair training

Recommendation 3: Professional Academic Advising

- Advising is fragmented and decentralized. Difficult to determine where the issues exist – so need a more systematic review of the student experience
- President of AS has brought up this issue of poor interactions with advisors in other meetings (this comment is just a confirmation of the issue)
- NSSE indicates that interactions with advisors is the lowest of the student interactions

- Some sort of campaign to change the culture so that each office “makes a connection”.
- Helping faculty to know what to tell students (revisit the red folder)
- Are advisors bilingual or multilingual?
- Stacy Gleixner – putting together a training plan for AARS
- Put on the AALT agenda – get feedback from Deans

Recommendation 4: Degree Planning and Degree Program Requirements

- We have this covered – one year from now will have MyPlanner for all degrees.

Recommendation 5: Recruit, hire and retain diverse faculty

- Reaffirmation of initiative already in progress on campus
- Long term effort – part of strategic planning
- Committee on Diversifying the Faculty – Kathleen McConnell will visit with the committee to discuss this recommendation

Other recommendations

Stacy Gleixner and Debra Griffith are working on assessment metrics for student success

Decide how to respond to the report, if at all

- Wait until February to broadly distribute to university, in the meantime share individual recommendations appropriate individuals and offices
- Committee does not think a response is needed

Review accreditation timeline and identify next steps:

Spring start looking toward mid-cycle review

Thalia Anagnos and Scott Heil will review the guidelines