COS ACCREDITATION RESPONSE TASK FORCE (RTF)

Our COS RTF met just before Spring Break on Thursday, March 22, 2013 and the following list is a report of the discussion/tasks/actions in our accreditation efforts:

- Reviewed the role/responsibilities and protocols for all RTF Subgroups to make recommendations to the Accreditation RTF and how these recommendations are processed and approved for implementation.

- Recommendations from the Subgroups are submitted to Dr. La Serna throughout the week. She presents them every Thursday morning in Senior Management (SM) which includes Dr. Trimble as Academic Senate Liaison. SM will note any revisions to align with the work of other subgroups. Recommendations are then brought before the full RTF each Thursday afternoon for final review, discussion before approval.

- The following recommendations were approved on Thursday, March 22, 2013:
  
  a. **Subgroup Standard IA: Institutional Planning** – worked with Dr. Eva Conrad and Subgroup IV to draft the COS Integrated Planning manual to describe or fixed institutional planning process. This draft is being finalized for further review this week.

  b. **Subgroup Standard IIA: Student Learning Outcomes** - Creating an implementation team for Tracdat which is our new software that will house and manage SLO data. They are creating a dual-purpose web-page that will inform all staff/students/public in curriculum & assessment. It will also provide online tutorials for faculty in using Tracdat (Curricunet) to enter SLO information. This subgroup is also providing hands-on training for faculty to continue/complete entering all SLO, assessments for as many courses as possible.

  c. **Subgroup Standard IIB & C: Counseling & Library Services** - Approved to create a model for providing comparable evening counseling support on all three COS campuses within existing staffing and resources. Once submitted these services may begin immediately.

  d. **Subgroup IV: Governance & Decision-making** - worked with Dr. Eva Conrad and Subgroup IA to draft the COS Governance & Decision-making manual to describe or fixed participatory governance process. This draft is being finalized for further review this week.
EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

College of the Sequoias Adjunct Faculty Association (COSAFA) Continuing weekly updates to all adjunct faculty on the status of the RTF process and how adjunct can stay informed and participate on subgroup activities.

California School Employees Association (CSEA): CSEA officers have sending updates to all staff on the status of the RTF process.

COSTA Executive Board (COSTA): Executive Board representatives met with Dr. EVA Conrad to discuss COSTA concerns/issues related to accreditation response. We continue the legal due process to resolve the following eight (8) grievances on public file in our HR office and currently pending:

- Faculty Parking Permits, Program Review Process, Re-assigned Time, Workplace Email Guidelines, Collective Bargaining Due Process, Faculty Payroll Deduction, Non-Classroom Faculty Work Schedules, 2013 Summer School.

- COSTA filed a ninth (9) grievance last week challenging our District’s offering of for-credit classes through the COS BICS program.

- As noted in red above we have been informed that COSTA has withdrawn their Unfair Labor Practice from PERB which alleged that the COS Board of Trustees did not properly sunshine a cap on health insurance premiums and implemented the premium cap illegal. This withdrawal nullifies this claim.

Respectfully,

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