ACCREDITATION RESPONSE TASK FORCE MEETING 5.2.13

1. New Subgroup Recommendations for Implementation-
   a. Subgroup II – Will plan for two district-wide “Dialogue Days” to be scheduled midway through the fall and spring semesters (October & March) for 2013-14. These days will be carried out in accordance with our MA agreements for all employees and be designed similar to the Friday workshops we have held this semester. The intent of these days will be for all district staff to collaborate and discuss their course discipline or service area outcomes and assessments.
   b. Subgroup II - Will begin to create the Three-year Outcomes & Assessments Cycle and plan for faculty education on this cycle. This will enable us to implement and assess course outcomes and make appropriate adjustments based on assessment data at a manageable pace.
   c. Subgroup III - Will implement the newly approved language from the COSTA Pilot program accounting for SLO’s and faculty evaluation.

2. COSFAA – Adjunct faculty member Don Nickel is providing email summary updates to all Adjunct Faculty on the status accreditation efforts. Adjunct faculty were also “out in force” this past Saturday in attendance at the Accreditation Summit 1. Adjunct representatives have also been active in recent meetings of the Academic Senate and College Council to address important accreditation items being reviewed/revised for COS Board approval.

3. Accreditation Summit 2 is set for next Tuesday, May 7th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please see the attached COS eNEWS and be sure to register to attend!

4. Next COS District-wide Response Task Force Community Forum will be Wednesday May 15th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Ponderosa Building. Important information sharing. Please attend!

5. COS Board Workshop on Accreditation (Presented by ACCJC Executive Dr. Barbara Beno) – Monday, June 17, 2013 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Room 1

COS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN FANTASTIC!
A dedicated core of 8-10 students have been working on the RTF and subgroups every step of the way for the past three months. In addition the ASB has been setting up “information tables” periodically on campus during various events and at various times. These tables have been a way for student leaders to share accreditation information. They have also been helpful in distributing and explaining other important changes like the impact of the new “repeatability”
regulations on student enrollment. Finally, we had nine students give up their Saturday this past weekend to attend the Accreditation Summit 1... **We could not be more proud of the student leadership thus far!**

**COS GOVERNANCE & DECISION-MAKING MANUAL NOW IN THE FINAL STAGES FOR BOARD APPROVAL!**
One of the first major items of the accreditation response effort is to create and adopt our Governance & Decision-making Manual for College of the Sequoias District. The draft manual and model have been making its way through our current system including formal readings at College Council, Academic Senate and our district-wide accreditation forums. On May 14, 2013 the College Council will hold the final reading of the manual and it will then be prepared for presentation and final adoption by the COS Board of Trustees. It is being followed closely by the COS Integrated Planning manual and the Budget Development Cycle and Resource Allocation Plan. If all goes well, this important work will be complete by June. Along with in-depth work in outcomes & assessments and student services, this will represent a substantial portion of our “show cause” response efforts.

**ACCREDITATION RESPONSE TASK FORCE WILL TAKE SUMMER RECESS**
The RTF will break for summer following our meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2013. Administrators and staff along with a small crew of faculty will continue work throughout the summer and the weekly RTF meetings will resume in August upon return to work for the fall semester.

Respectfully,

*Stan A. Carrizosa*