SHOW CAUSE VISITING TEAM CONCLUDES PROCESS AT COS!

Thank you all so much for your hard work and commitment to COS 2.0 and for the time, energy and preparation you invested in helping COS to have a successful Accreditation visit. The team of five (5) members spent all day Wednesday interviewing groups and individuals from all three campuses and visiting services on the Visalia and Tulare campuses. We calculated over 100 people that were involved in some form of interview with a visiting team member including a stellar group of 10 Student Senators and 6 representatives from our COS Accreditation Community Advisory Committee. While the team cannot disclose information about their report, they expressed several times how impressed they were with the amount and quality of work we have accomplished in just one year! They spent their time specifically reviewing the recommendations and standards prescribed in our Show Cause order. They reviewed volumes of evidence both in hard copy and electronic. They will prepare their report now on their findings and we hope to have a copy of the report in about 30 days. We will receive it at the same time it is being submitted to the ACCJC and should be able to share all that information publicly at that time. The ACCJC holds their meeting the second week of January and a small group of COS representatives will travel to Navato, CA, to personally appear before the Commission during the Public Comment portion of their meeting. We hope to have our official action letter from the ACCJC by the second week in February. Finally, remember, it is not likely that a college moves from Show Cause to fully reaffirmed accreditation. Rather the Commission has options to extend a show cause period, assign probation or assign warning. All of these designations provide the college additional time to meet any remaining criteria for accreditation standards and for accreditation to be fully reaffirmed. Thank you all again so much for your hard work and commitment to COS 2.0!!

Respectfully,

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