ACCREDITATION RESPONSE GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING
12:10-3:00 p.m. in G1-301F
October 5, 2011

Present: Brenda Baity (Faculty Chair, Accreditation; Secretary, Academic Senate), Ryan Cornner (Dean, OIE), Karen Daar (Dean, Academic Affairs; ALO), Tom Furukawa, (Vice President, Administrative Services), Ran Gust (Library), Jeff Hernandez (Vice President, Academic Senate; Faculty Co-Chair, ESGC; Faculty Co-Chair, Budget Committee), Veronica Jaramillo (Treasurer, Academic Senate; Coordinator, SLOs), Renee’ Martinez (Vice President, Workforce Education), Marcel Morales (Faculty, Social Sciences), Richard Moyer (Vice President, Academic Affairs), Oscar Valeriano (Vice President, Student Services), Steve Wardinski (Chair, Curriculum Committee)

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda: K. Daar called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. The agenda was approved as presented.

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of August 24, 2011, were approved by consensus as presented.

III. U.S. Dept. of Education – New Evaluation Team Responsibilities: ARG members reviewed a handout prepared by the ACCJC that identifies the new USDE regulations and how they influence the tasks that an accreditation evaluation team must perform when making a visit to a college to evaluate its self study. K. Daar pointed out that many of the ACCJC’s requirements for meeting the accreditation standards are based on their interpretation of what the federal government expects.

IV. Midterm Report 2012: At the August 24, 2011, ARG meeting, the requirements for the Midterm Report were reviewed and the individuals who were best qualified to provide answers to the six recommendations and the self identified issues from the 2009 self study were identified. A draft for each topic was requested by K. Daar and B. Baity by October 3 so that review of the drafts could begin at the October 6 meeting of ARG. Therefore, the remainder of the October 6 meeting was devoted to the review of narratives that had been submitted. In November 2011, ARG members will be invited to participate in a session on a date to be announced to continue to review the draft of the Midterm Report.

V. Stimulating Accreditation Interest – Discussion: Tabled.

VI. Spring 2012 Meeting: The next meeting of the ARG will be held during spring semester at a time and date to be determined via email.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 330 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Baity, Faculty Chair for Accreditation