

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

Accreditation and Institutional Quality (AIQ) Committee

College Council Report

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The Accreditation & Institutional Quality (AIQ) committee held its first fall meeting on Tuesday, August 29th, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in Levinson 40. The charge of AIQ reads:

1. Ensure accreditation is an on-going process by guiding preparation of the self-evaluation, midterm, and follow-up reports.
2. Review and monitor collection of evidence and progress on Actionable Improvement Plans, accreditation recommendations, and institutional effectiveness indicators.
3. Inform, engage, and involve the college community in accreditation and institutional effectiveness.
4. Review and monitor evaluation activities to ensure they result in integrated, meaningful, and sustained college improvement.

Liz Stratton, the Administrative Lead for the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER), provided an update on the progress of the accreditation standards work groups. In July, Liz and Jason Stratton, the faculty ISER lead, organized a norming meeting with team members of standards II.C and III.D, the AIQ committee chairs, evidence indexer Sondra Keckley, and President Christian. This meeting supported the Accreditation Writing Institute held on August 9th. We also hosted an accreditation faire on opening day.

AIQ is overseeing ongoing research support to the standards teams as they write their drafts. Janet Fulks is scheduling meetings with standards teams on Wednesdays to facilitate data gathering. We are also scheduling interview sessions between standards teams and President Christian on Thursdays. These sessions allow team members to interview Sonya and collect qualitative data for their reports.

AIQ is preparing an accreditation survey to evaluate district services. This survey will be distributed to the BC community and utilized as evidence for some of the teams working on Standard IV.

We have some staffing appointments to note:

1. Nick Strobel has accepted the role of ISER editor.
2. Sarah Baron will be serving as ISER copy editor.
3. With Andrea Thorson accepting a role as interim dean, we need a replacement faculty co-lead for Standard IV.B.

We are shifting our attention to the communication of the accreditation message. Our communication team will work to engage and educate the members of the BC community on the topic of accreditation. Liz & Jason took the lead to develop the initial communication plan, and we are currently transitioning Talita Pruett, professor of communication, into the role of communication team lead.

Communication Plan:

- 1) Written (email) communication
- 2) Oral Communication
 - a. Campus-wide forums
 - i. One meeting in Delano covering all 4 standards during the fall and spring semesters.
 - ii. Two meetings at the Panorama campus with two standards each during the fall and spring semesters.
 - b. Committee Presentations
 - c. Department or Area Meeting Presentations
- 3) Online Presence: <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/accreditation>

Our first Panorama Campus Forum will be on **September 26th at 3:30-4:30 at the Levan Center**. This Forum will present Standard I and Standard II. The forum will provide the audience with an opportunity to learn about the standards and offer feedback on the work that has already taken place.

Our Strategic Directions work group met for the first time on August 31st. As we complete our Strategic Directions cycle this year, this group is also planning the organization for the next cycle. More information will be forthcoming.