Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Rubric for Evaluating Institutional Effectiveness – Part II: Planning (See cover letter for how to use this rubric.)

Levels of	Characteristics of Institutional Effectiveness in Planning
Implementation	(Sample institutional behaviors)
Awareness	 The college has preliminary investigative dialogue about planning processes. There is recognition of case need for quantitative and qualitative data and analysis in planning. The college has initiated pilot projects and efforts in developing systematic cycle of evaluation, integrated planning and implementation (e.g. in human or physical resources). Planning found in only some areas of college operations. There is exploration of models and definitions and issues related to planning. There is minimal linkage between plans and a resource allocation process, perhaps planning for use of "new money" The college may have a consultant-supported plan for facilities, or a strategic plan.
Development	 The Institution has defined a planning process and assigned responsibility for implementing it. The Institution has identified quantitative and qualitative data and is using it. Planning efforts are specifically linked to institutional mission and goals. The Institution uses applicable quantitative data to improve institutional effectiveness in some areas of operation. Governance and decision-making processes incorporate review of institutional effectiveness in mission and plans for improvement. Planning processes reflect the participation of a broad constituent base.
Proficiency	 The college has a well documented, ongoing process for evaluating itself in all areas of operation, analyzing and publishing the results and planning and implementing improvements. The institution's component plans are integrated into a comprehensive plan to achieve broad educational purposes and improve institutional effectiveness. The institution effectively uses its human, physical, technology, and financial resources to achieve its broad educational purposes, including stated student learning outcomes. The college has documented assessment results and communicated matters of quality assurance to appropriate constituencies (documents data and analysis of achievement of its educational mission). The institution assesses progress toward achieving its education goals over time (uses longitudinal data and analyses). The institution plans and effectively incorporates results of program review in all areas of educational services: instruction, support services, library and learning resources.
Sustainable Continuous Quality Improvement	 The institution uses ongoing and systematic evaluation and planning to refine its key processes and improve student learning. There is dialogue about institutional effectiveness that is ongoing, robust and pervasive; data and analyses are widely distributed and used throughout the institution. There is ongoing review and adaptation of evaluation and planning processes. There is consistent and continuous commitment to improving student learning; and educational effectiveness is a demonstrable priority in all planning structures and processes.