

# **Follow-up Report to ACCJC**

**April 1, 2011**

**The commission deferred a decision and therefore continued BCC, COA, Laney and Merritt College on Probation.**

# Acknowledgements

- Special thank you...

# Review of the Standards

- Standard I- Mission and Institutional Effectiveness
- Standard II- Student Learning Programs and Services
- Standard III- Resources
  - Human Resources
  - Physical Resources
  - Technology Resources
  - Financial Resources
- Standard IV- Leadership/Governance/Board

# **Continued Probation**

**Due to District's significant deficiencies in meeting Standards IIIC ,D, and IV A,B**

- IIIC- Technology Resources**
- IIID- Financial Resources**
- IVA- Leadership and Governance**
- IVB- Board and Administrative Organization**

# Areas Covered in the November 2010 District Report

The report is to respond to the original three (3) recommendations from 2009 and nine (9) recommendations from the 2010 special visit team. As well as the external audit findings identified in the November 18, 2009 letter from the Commission

The nine (9) new recommendations, for the most part, are focused on the Governing Board.

# The November Visiting Team Noted the Following

- The Peralta Community College District has made remarkable progress toward meeting the accreditation standards since the last visit in April 2010. During the last visit there was an atmosphere of denial and defensiveness among the staff who were interviewed. During this visit (11-04-10) the staff seemed to not only accept their situation, but they felt confident that the district will eventually resolve its situation. The two Board members who were interviewed expressed a complete commitment by the Board to allow the Chancellor to run the district in order to better serve the students (pp. 6-7)

## **The ACCJC January 31, 2011 Action letter identified 4 recommendations and 5 activities**

- Two Recommendations related to the Board
- One recommendation related to OPEB and Financial Audit
- One Recommendation stating we must continue to address all previous recommendations

## Recommendation 1 (1-31-11)

- The team recommends that the 2010 Recommendation 5 be revised to include the following language: The team additionally recommends that the Board of Trustees continue to redefine the appropriate role of the Board and its relationship to the Chancellor. The Board of Trustees should also refine and change the roles and charges of the Board Committees so that they reflect an appropriate policy role for the Board.

## Recommendation 2 (1-31-11)

- The team recommends that the district continue to monitor its progress toward meeting the issues listed in the Corrective Action Matrix. In particular, the district needs to plan to address the OPEB bond and to be evaluated on keeping to its 2010-11 budget.

## Recommendation 3 (1-31-11):

- The team recommends that the Board of Trustees develop and implement a plan to review all Board policies so that the policies reflect only policy language and that the operational processes for these policies be reflected in a system of administrative regulations. (page 21 of report)

## Recommendation 4 (1-31-11)

- The team recommends that the district continue to address all recommendations from 2009, 2010, and the current visit (November 2010). Although the district has invested substantial effort to address all recommendations, it is incumbent on the district to ensure that these efforts continue and are institutionalized within the district.

# Previous Recommendations

- 2009 Team Recommendation 1  
Board and District Administration
- 2009 Team Recommendation 2  
Management Systems
- 2009 Team Recommendation 3  
Financial Resources and Technology

Further, the January 31, 2011 ACCJC action letter requests that **five (5) activities** also be addressed in the Follow-Up Report:

1. The status update of the PeopleSoft financial modules. The institutional Follow-Up of non-financial modules was conducted. The CAM states that 'the District is working on resolving the issues associated with the implementation of the adopted software management systems for student, human resources, and financial aid administration.
2. The status of OPEB liabilities, and according to the CAM, a report is due June 2011. The Commission also requests a copy of the consultant KNN report on the OPEB.
3. The status of the corrective action plans as related to all audit recommendations and federal awards delegated to the 'new' Chancellor as referenced in the CAM.
4. The status of the new Chancellor search and the District response to sustain leadership continuity in the Chancellor position.
5. The status on the training of the Governing Board in terms of financial roles and responsibilities as delegated to the new Chancellor in the CAM. (p. 2)

## Team Visit April 11 and 12

- A visit by the commission representatives will visit the district and the colleges on Monday and Tuesday, April 11 and 12
- We have addressed the original 3 district recommendations from 2009, the issues Identified from the April 2010 visit, and the new issues identified in the Jan 31, 2011 report
- We are prepared, optimistic and have completed all reports in a timely manner.