

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of September 13, 2016

ITEM TITLE: Laney College Accreditation Follow-Up Report

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LANEY'S ACCREDITATION FOLLOW-UP REPORT TO ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES (ACCJC), WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES (WASC).

ITEM SUMMARY:

This is Laney's Accreditation Follow-up Report (AFUR) in response to recommendations made by Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in a letter dated June 29, 2015. In the letter, ACCJC required the College to submit the Follow-Up Report by October 1, 2016.

ACCJC recommendations provide important guidelines to improve institutional effectiveness, performance and student successes. Laney College adheres to these guidelines very closely and takes action to address any deficiencies. As a result, Laney has made substantive improvements and now meets ER 10 and all of the Standards mentioned in the **two** College Recommendations.

The initial draft of this report was complete by August 1, 2016. The draft was presented to and discussed with the Academic Senate (AS), the Classified Senate (CS), the College Council (CC) and the Executive Council (EC). The whole College community was provided a chance for comments and feedback from August 3rd to August 22nd. This is the final version taking into consideration feedbacks from the campus community.

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

General Fund. Implementation of the Action Plans in the Report will require the continuing funding of the Assessment Coordinators and Part-time faculty stipends for PLO/SLO assessments as well as the Dean of Research and Planning.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Laney College submitted its comprehensive Self-Study Report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges on December 10, 2014. After the peer evaluation process organized by ACCJC, the Commission found the College out of compliance for Eligibility Requirement 10 (Student Learning and Achievement) and some areas of the Accreditation Standards and issued "Warning Status" for the College's Accreditation in a letter dated June 29, 2015. In the letter, the Commission made two Recommendations specific to Laney College and eight Recommendations to Peralta Community College District to resolve the deficiencies. The Commission also required the College to submit a Follow-Up Report by October 1, 2016 to demonstrate that the deficiencies have

been resolved. The two Recommendations are: 1) Integrated Planning and Evaluation and, 2) Program Learning Outcomes and Assessment.

DELIVERABLES AND SCOPE OF WORK:

RESTORE LANEY COLLEGE’S ACCREDITATION STATUS TO “AFFIRMATION” FROM “WARNING”

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE:

AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF THE AFUR ON OCTOBER 1, 2016, ACCJC WILL ORGANIZE A SITE VISIT IN NOVEMBER OF 2016 AND A DECISION ON OUR ACCREDITATION WILL BE MADE IN EARLY 2017 BY ACCJC.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):

YES _____ NO _____

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING? LANEY COLLEGE, INTERIM PRESIDENT, PATRICIA STANLEY

(*****Board contract approval is subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor.)

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by: _____ Date: 8/29/16
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DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:

Presented and approved by: *Patricia Stanley* Date: 8/29/16
Patricia Stanley, Ed.D., Laney College President

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

_____ Finance review required X Finance review *not* required

If Finance review is required, determination is: _____ Approved _____ Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: _____

Signature: _____
Ronald Little, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):

Legal review required Legal review *not* required

If Legal review is required, determination is: Approved Not Approved

Signature: _____
Nitasha Sawhney, General Counsel

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL

Approved, and Place on Agenda Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature: Dr. Jowel C. Laguerre
Dr. Jowel C. Laguerre, Chancellor