



What's New at ACCJC?

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Welcome and Introductions

- Mr. Fred Williams, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Facilities, North Orange County Community College District
- Mr. Jim Austin, Fiscal Review Consultant, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
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Focus of the Session

- Role of the CBO
- ACCJC Basics
- Moving Forward
- Fiscal Oversight Issues
 - Versus the Comprehensive Review of Colleges
 - Timing of the Review of Standards
- ACCJC Resources
- Discussion – Questions and Answers



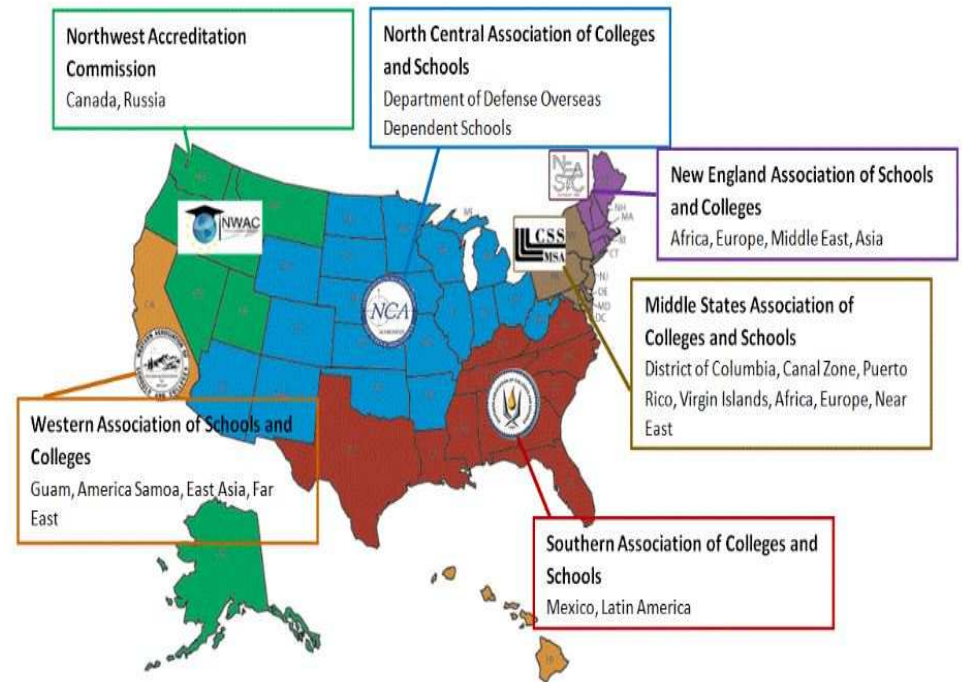
Role of the CBO

- Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER)
 - Operations
 - Standards
- Annual Fiscal Report
- Involvement with ACCJC
 - Peer Review Teams
 - Input to Processes
 - ACBO Representatives
 - ACCJC Evaluation



ACCJC 101

- What is the ACCJC?
 - Regional Accreditor (1 of 7)
 - 1 Region, 2 Agencies
- Why do we exist?
 - Gatekeepers to Federal Financial Aid
 - Quality Assurance





Commitment to Peer Review

- Peer review is acknowledged as the most appropriate and desirable approach to evaluate the complex environment of higher education
 - Serves as a rich and diverse resource for quality improvement
 - Uses academic inquiry to inform best practices of institutions for quality improvement
 - Results are used to further articulate the meaning of such practices within the higher education context and allows for the evolution of policies and practices
 - Is frequently at odds with governmental-directed assessment which relies on standardization of expectations and a quantitative analysis approach that may not fully capture the nuances of complex phenomena, such as student outcomes
 - “Fox guarding the hen house”
 - Watchdog without any bite

ACCJC: Lessons Learned

- Non-collegial
- Prescriptive
- Redundancy/cumbersome fiscal data reporting
- Failed attempt at effective ACBO participation



"You got an 'F' in all of your subjects. How can they call this a 'progress' report?"

ACCJC: More Effective, More Responsive

- Approach to Peer Review - The Right Frame of Mind
 - Dual purpose of compliance and improvement
 - College aligns to the standard vs. looking for deficiencies
 - Mission centered
 - Don't all CA Community Colleges have the same mission?
 - Celebrate the College, Support the College, Help the College
 - Commendations and recommendations
- New Directions
 - VP Portfolio Model
 - Improved resources and trainings
 - Practitioners from member institutions
 - Strategic Planning and Evaluation



“That’s our new mission statement.”

Moving Forward – ACCJC Fiscal Oversight

- FY 17/18 status and timeline
- Reconstitution of fiscal advisory committee – collaboration and participation
- Simplification, coordination with CCCCCO and FCMAT
- Listening and learning






Fiscal Oversight Issues

- What is “Fiscal Health”
- How is Fiscal Health evaluated? *The Composite Financial Index*
We’ll get to the CPI after this slide
- GASB/OPEB
- Annual Fiscal Report questionnaire contents
- Need for a mid year review, not one year after the fact
- Colleges in a multi-college district

Composite Financial Index (CFI)



- Source of data
 - College Annual Fiscal Reports (AFR)
 - District audits
- CFI uses 12 factors to create a Fiscal Health Index number
- Only 3 factors are college based
- Ending balances, revenues, revenue/expenses important
- CFI used to assign one of 3 fiscal health/risk factors
 - N: No follow-up or monitoring recommended
 - M: Enhanced Monitoring recommended
 - R: Referred for comprehensive peer-review analysis and consultation



Composite Financial Index Resources Posted on Conference Website

1. Getting Started - 2018 Annual Fiscal Report
 - The data entry form that is the source of data for the CFI calculation starts on P.3
2. ACCJC Composite Financial Index Flow Chart, 5-7-18
 - For each Criteria the number of the source box in the data entry form is identified
3. CFI Description - Description of Criteria and Calculations
 - Describes the calculations and explains why the factors are included in the CFI

ACCJC Resources

- ACCJC Website: accjc.org
 - Publications
 - Guide to Evaluating and Improving Institutions
 - Manual for Institutional Self-Evaluation
 - Become a peer reviewer, please!
 - Peer review is both a privilege and obligation
 - New Peer Reviewer Form
 - 2019 ACCJC Conference
 - Save the dates - April 30 - May 3, 2019



Discussion and Questions





Thank You!

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