

A close-up photograph of a computer keyboard. A large, solid orange key is positioned in the center, with the word "oversight" written in white, lowercase, sans-serif font. The surrounding keys are standard white with black text, including "tab", "caps lock", "A", "S", "D", "option", and "command".

# EXTERNAL OVERSIGHTS

# PURPOSE OF OVERSIGHTS?

- ❖ Provided by Law
- ❖ Ensures accountability
- ❖ Guides in accomplishing mission, vision, objectives
- ❖ Continuous improvement
- ❖ Meets/complies with regulations
- ❖ Acts with Integrity and Fiduciary Responsibility

# ACCREDITATION

- ❖ Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)
- ❖ Ensures continuous improvements
- ❖ Sets standards on institutional effectiveness, student learning and achievement, resources, and governance
- ❖ Needed for Title IV eligibility
- ❖ Annual financial reporting requirement



# PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION

- ❖ Special accreditation specific to a program.
- ❖ Ensures graduates meet the learning outcomes for the program
- ❖ Examples – Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CARC), Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)

# EXTERNAL AUDIT

- ❖ Required by Education Code and Board Policies
- ❖ Financial Audit
- ❖ Ensures transactions are above board
- ❖ Ensures attendance accounting are accurate (CDAM)
- ❖ Federal Single Audit for federal funds
- ❖ Follows Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) benchmarks

# CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- ❖ Ensures compliance with the rules and regulations
- ❖ Accepts performance and financial audit
- ❖ Board of Trustees relies on the CBOC on oversight

# CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

- ❖ Basis for funding – apportionment and categoricals
- ❖ Plans and outcomes for categorical funding
- ❖ Financial Reports – 311 Reports (quarterly and annual)
- ❖ Enrollment Reports – 320 Reports
- ❖ MIS Reports



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# PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

- ❖ California Government Code § 6250 – Inspection of Public Records
- ❖ Transparency for public institutions including education
- ❖ Requests from public varies
- ❖ Requires a response within 10 days
- ❖ Exemptions exist under Government Code 6254

# SCENARIOS

- ❖ An employee submits a CA Public Records Act request asking for a copy of all your emails.
- ❖ A newspaper reporter wants to secure copies of your district's financial statements. Is this allowed?
- ❖ A member of the public wants a copy of all email communications between your district and a developer related to negotiations of a contract for leasing land.

# THE BROWN ACT

- ❖ California Government Code § 54950 – Open Meeting Act
- ❖ Guarantees the right of the public to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies
- ❖ Applies to city councils, boards of supervisors, and district boards
- ❖ Includes other legislative bodies of local government agencies created by state or federal law and boards of commissions of local agencies and standing committees
- ❖ Teleconference meetings allowed with certain conditions

# EXAMPLES - YES or NO?

- ❖ Board of Trustees
- ❖ Board Audit Committee
- ❖ Academic Senate
- ❖ Associated Student Government
- ❖ Curriculum Committee
- ❖ Citizens Bond Oversight Committee
- ❖ Foundation Boards
- ❖ District Council/College Council

