Accreditation Update Team A Meeting May 6, 2011

Current Accreditation Status

- GCC is still on warning (accredited status continues)
- The Follow-Up Report addressing the 4 primary recommendations (see below) was sent to ACCJC/WASC (Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges) before the March 15, 2011 deadline
- A team of three people representing ACCJC visited GCC on April 4, 2011 to verify our Follow-Up Report
- The team will submit a team report to the Commission; they will send a draft report to GCC for correction of factual errors before they submit the final version to the Commission
- The Commission will meet in early June to review the Follow-Up Report and the team report, and to decide on GCC's status
- GCC has a second Follow-Up Report due March 15, 2012 that must address the remaining 5 recommendations (see below)

GCC Progress on Four Primary Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Integrated Planning, Program Review, and Resource Allocation

- GCC made program review an annual process starting in Fall 2010
- The integrated planning, program review, and resource allocation model is in process but not yet completed for the first year: Resource requests are currently being prioritized by governance committees and will be forwarded to the Budget Committee
- Evaluation of the model has begun

Recommendation 4: Employee Evaluations

- Nearly all overdue evaluations were completed before the April 4 visit (100% of management, 96% of full-time faculty, 99% of classified employees)
- The NEOGOV software package, which will allow tracking of evaluations, has been purchased

Recommendation 5: EEO Ethnic Categories

- GCC reports the traditional EEO ethnic categories when it reports employee data
- The EEO ethnic categories are used in the EEO Plan, approved by the Board on February 28, 2011

Recommendation 6: Technology Planning

- A budget line item for funding technology needs was included in the 2010-2011 budget, funded by the capital outlay fee paid by nonresident students
- Technology requests are being prioritized through the governance committees as part of the integrated model for planning, program review, and resource allocation

GCC Progress on Five Secondary Recommendations

Recommendation 2: Student Learning Outcomes

- Student learning has been incorporated more strongly into program review
- About 85% of courses have defined SLOs and 25% of courses have been assessed
- About 66% of instructional programs have defined SLOs and 3% have been assessed
- About 96% of student services programs have defined SLOs and 88% have been assessed
- eLumen has been piloted and general use is planned to begin in Fall 2011
- The Senate has recommended that student learning outcomes be the focus of division meetings on or near Institute Day

Recommendation 3: Publish Student Policies

• The three policies identified in the recommendation (Academic Freedom, Transfer of Credit, Process for Sexual Harassment Complaints) are now published on the web and in the Class Schedule, and will be published in the 2011-2012 Catalog

Recommendation 7: Maintenance and Security

- Staffing increased in Facilities by 2 custodians, 2 part-time custodians, and through the use of hourly workers; efficiency has also been increased through improved procedures, schedules, and equipment
- Glendale Police Department has agreed to be the primary response agency for calls between midnight and 6:00 a.m.

Recommendation 8: Server Safety

- An eight-step plan has been developed to respond to server overheating
- A pony chiller has been installed for increased efficiency and stability

Recommendation 9: GASB Liability

• A plan has been developed to address the long-term liability under GASB 45, but it has not yet been funded