



Program Support and Improvement Task Force

Task Force Charge

The charge for this task force is to explore the establishment and implementation of a program support and improvement (review) process at COCC. The task force should establish guidelines for program support and improvement process; including timeline and where our external evaluators will come from.

Task Force Membership

- Charles Abasa-Nyarko, VPI- chair
- Chad Harris, Dean
- Zelda Ziegler, Faculty
- Karen Ellis, Faculty
- Kathy Smith, Faculty
- Paula Simone, Faculty
- Nick Sphatt, Faculty
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- Student Services
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Timeline

The task force should complete its work no later than December 1, 2015, send its recommendation to VPI by December 31, 2015.

Background

The Program Support and Improvement (PSI) process at COCC will be designed to assess the effectiveness, future needs and directions of the various academic departments and programs. The process will include a self-study conducted by the faculty of each academic department as experts in their field and a review team composed of two external evaluators (one from a four-year college or university where most of our students transfer to and one from a community college in Oregon). This group will develop a process and guidance for PSI that will align with COCC's strategic plan, Academic Master Plan, and NWCCU's accreditation standards.

Here are some questions the task force can consider:

- Why program support and improvement?
- Do we need external evaluators?
- Do we need a college-wide support committee and how would they be appointed?
- What methodology will be used in the self-study and also what should the components of the self-study report be?
- Do we need to develop a glossary of terms to be used in PSI?
- Who is responsible for the development of PSI schedule?
- While conducting a PSI, what factors should be considered by the faculty of each academic department or program?
- If the task force's recommendation is approved by the president of the college, when will the College implement it?