



# President's Communiqué

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## It Could Not Get Any Better – And Yet It Did! Accreditation News

This morning, I received news from The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of its final determination:

**Reaffirmed accreditation for seven years, with no out-of-compliance issues.**

Foothill College achieved the highest form of accreditation reaffirmation!

You may recall that the accreditation visiting team was here for four days last October and conducted a full assessment of our college. The report was formally submitted to ACCJC for its consideration earlier this month. Thanks to you, the visiting team wrote a report to the accreditation commission commending the college leaders in innovation and equity. The visiting team also found one out-of-compliance issue and one area for general improvement. Any college would love to have the kind of report that we received from the visiting team, as there is always something visiting teams could find.

Well...

The ACCJC met earlier this month to review the visiting team's report and even disagreed with the already stellar visiting team report. The ACCJC found that the college has ZERO out-of-compliance issues: it moved the one out-of-compliance issue to the category of general "improvement", stating that we should continue to focus on evaluating our institutional effectiveness efforts that the college is already embarking upon. In other words, it is analogous to ACCJC saying that we have a clean bill of health, but make sure to continue exercising and eating a balanced diet. Attached are the various documents of the findings.

This is also the finalized commendation language in the visiting team's report about our college:

The team commends the College for exceeding Standard IV.A.1. College leaders create an environment where they encourage administrators, faculty, staff, and students to participate actively in projects, and initiatives that are intended to improve practices, programs, and services in which they are involved. The team further commends the College's leaders on creating an environment that encourages innovation in the creation and implementation of unique equity-based student-centered programs and services that meet or exceed regional and statewide workforce and educational needs. (IV.A.1)

## CONGRATULATIONS, Foothill!

It doesn't take the accreditation visiting team's report for me to know that Foothill College, indeed, is an extraordinary college. Each of you play a role in that reputation.

Yesterday, the administrative team and I had a retreat at Foothill's apprenticeship Pipe Trade Training Center. We had a team-building exercise in one of the classrooms. Prof. **Robert Cormia** informed me that Prof. **Scott Stroh** apparently assessed that it would probably take the team 30 minutes to do the circuits. Our administrators were able to connect the circuits in 3-5 minutes! As I tweeted yesterday, we have a team of administrators fiercely dedicated to student success. Clearly, they are highly competent too!



This morning, a group of dedicated faculty and staff gathered to learn more about the nuts-and-bolts on service learning. I had a chance to welcome the group and explain the importance of *Service Leadership*.

Next week, Dean **Judy Baker** will provide a professional development session on *Service Leadership* and this one is for online classes.

## Service Learning in Online Courses

Thursday, February 1 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Hearthside Lounge

Register at <http://bit.ly/servicelearningonline>

Join your colleagues for a lively discussion about incorporating service learning in online courses! We will begin with an explanation of service learning and share examples of online and hybrid courses that have used service learning in various disciplines. Next, participants will share their insights about how service learning might work in their own online and hybrid courses as well as identify resources and support that they will need to be successful.

One of the *Service Leadership* projects is the Women's March by the *We For She* Club. Looking at this picture from last weekend's march reminds me of why we do what we do: our students!



Foothill College marchers at Women's March. Thank you *We For She* Club advisors **Lety Serna** and **Fountainetta Coleman**.

We have amazing people working at Foothill. Again, thank you everyone involved with accreditation. Thank you to the team leaders for each of the accreditation standards. Thank you also to **Kelaiah Harris**, **Peter Chow**, **Victor Baligat**, **Ruby Sodhi**, and members of the Dining Hall staff. Special thanks to **Bret Watson** who came to the college later but stepped in and helped us tremendously. Huge thank-you to **Kristy Lisle** who not only got up to speed quickly, but also helped put together a convincing response to the visiting team report that resulted in even that one compliance issue being cleared. And the biggest thank-you to **Andrew LaManque**, our accreditation liaison officer! It would be safe to say that Andrew is going to have a great, much deserved weekend.

Congratulations Foothill! I am so proud to be your president!

**STANDARD I SELF-EVALUATION TEAM**

<b>Andrea Hanstein (Team Leader)</b>	Administration	Marketing
Julie Brown	Classified	Veterans
Kai Chang	Classified	EOPS
Danmin Deng	Classified	Sunnyvale
Moaty Fayek	Administration	Workforce
Katherine Fortune	Classified	Student Affairs
Claudia Flores	Classified	Allied Health
Craig Gawlick	Classified	Sunnyvale
Robert Hartwell	Faculty	Theatre Arts
Elaine Kuo	Administration	Equity Programs
Lisa Ly	Classified	Institutional Research
Bruce McLeod	Faculty	Theatre
Simon Pennington	Administration	Fine Arts
Thom Shepard	Administration	Student Affairs
Lori Silverman	Administration	PSME
Nanette Solvason	Administration	Bio Health
Denise Swett	Administration	Student Services
Marco Tovar	Classified	Outreach
Josh Westling	Faculty	Bio Health

**STANDARD II SELF-EVALUATION TEAM**

<b>Carolyn Holcroft (Team Leader)</b>	Faculty	Bio Health
Micaela Agyare	Faculty	Library
Lauren Balducci	Administration	Student Services
Anthony Cervantes	Classified	DRC
Lisa Collato	Adjunct	ESLL
Bernie Day	Faculty	Honors
Lisa Drake	Faculty	Accounting
Issac Escoto	Faculty	Counseling
Enjoli Flynn	Adjunct	Language Arts
Jasmine Garcia	Classified	CTE/Outreach
Valentin Garcia	Adjunct (NC)	FEI
Craig Gawlick	Classified	Sunnyvale
Dawn Girardelli	Administration	Sunnyvale
Katie Ha	Faculty	TLC
Debbie Lee	Faculty	Math
Rosa Nguyen	Faculty	Chemistry
Eric Reed	Faculty	STEM Center
Robbie Reid	Faculty	Art History
Katherine Schaefer	Adjunct	Anthropology
Lori Silverman	Faculty	Math
Paul Starer	Administration	Language Arts
Lan Truong	Administration	Counseling
Casie Wheat	Classified	Assessment

**STANDARD III SELF-EVALUATION TEAM**

<b>Erin Ortiz (Team Leader)</b>	Classified	Student Activities
Judy Baker	Administration	Online Education
Brenda Davis Visas	Administration	Finance + Admin
Kevin Harral	Administration	Financial Aid
Kurt Hueg	Administration	Business and Social Science
Sherri Mines	Classified	International
Jose Nava	Faculty	Business
Teresa Ong	Administration	Business
Romeo Paule	Administration	Bookstore
Josh Pelletier	Classified	Learning Center
Kamara Tramble	Classified	Student Activities

**STANDARD IV SELF-EVALUATION TEAM**

Andrew LaManque (Team Leader)	Administration	Instruction
Vinita Bali	Administration	International Programs
Rachelle Campbell	Faculty	Radiologic Technology
Nazy Galoyan	Administration	Enrollment Services
Juston Glass	Adjunct	Business
Art Hand	Classified	Library
Marietta Harris	Administration	Human Resources
Joni Hayes	Administration	District Finance
Kate Jordahl	Faculty	Fine Arts
Carla Maitland	Classified	District Finance
Mike Mohebbi	Classified	Finance
Paula Norsell	Confidential	Chancellor
Kathy Perino	Faculty	Math
Justin Schultz	Classified	Instruction
Karen Smith	Classified	Library
Paul Starer	Administration	Language Arts

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