Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Standards

MiraCosta College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). MiraCosta College embraces accreditation as an ongoing process designed to promote educational quality and institutional effectiveness. As a regionally accredited institution, MiraCosta College adheres to all ACCJC standards regarding the program review, planning, and resource allocation process including but not limited to the standards I.B.5, I.B.9, III.D.2, and III.D.3.

Standard I.B.5. The institution assesses accomplishment of its mission through program review and evaluation of goals and objectives, student learning outcomes, and student achievement. Quantitative and qualitative data are disaggregated for analysis by program type and mode of delivery.

Standard I.B.9. The institution engages in continuous, broad based, systematic evaluation and planning. The institution integrates program review, planning, and resource allocation into a comprehensive process that leads to accomplishment of its mission and improvement of institutional effectiveness and academic quality. Institutional planning addresses short- and long-range needs for educational programs and services and for human, physical, technology, and financial resources. (ER 19)

Standard III.D.2 The institution's mission and goals are the foundation for financial planning, and financial planning is integrated with and supports all institutional planning. The institution has policies and procedures to ensure sound financial practices and financial stability. Appropriate financial information is disseminated throughout the institution in a timely manner.

Standard III.D.3 The institution clearly defines and follows its guidelines and processes for financial planning and budget development, with all constituencies having appropriate opportunities to participate in the development of institutional plans and budgets.

Institutional Policy Regarding Program Review and Planning

MiraCosta College <u>Board Policy 4020: Program, Curriculum, and Course Development, Administrative Procedure 4021: Program Discontinuance</u>, and <u>Administrative Procedure 3250: Institutional Planning</u> are implemented to ensure that the Program Review and Planning process continues to comply with applicable standards and guidelines established by the ACCJC and Title 5. As such, the college has a three-year cycle, in which instructional, support, and hybrid programs/units (and/or any combinations thereof) undertake a Comprehensive Program Review in the spring every three years, with Annual Program Review Updates in the years in between. Resource allocation is conducted annually in the fall.