Meeting Minutes January 29, 2021 12pm – 1:30pm

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MEMBERS:

VOTING – List full name below, identify which constituency group each individual represents					
х	Hilary Altman (Faculty, Communication)	х	Denise Richardson (VP of Instruction)		
х	Marie Amboy (Dean, Division III)	х	Margie Rubio (Classified Staff, Student Services)		
	Lilia Chavez (VP, Student Services)		Denise Woodward (Classified Staff, Division I)		
x	Arja McCray (Faculty, Biology)	х	SLO Rep: Laura Forlin		
х	Lilian Pires (Classified Staff, Business Office)	х	Michael Cooper (Student, ASMC President)		
NON-VOTING – List full name below, identify which constituency group each individual represents					
	Dan Lawson (Co-Chair, Institutional Effectiveness)		Chair, Budget		
х	Courtney Brown (Member, Merritt Technology Comm)	х	Nathan Pellegrin (Co-Chair, Institutional Effectiveness)		
	Chair, Facilities				

GUESTS: Lisa Webb

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
I. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m.	
II. Adoption of Agenda	Agenda was adopted with changes, without objection.	Chair – Email to Merrittgovdocs@peralta.edu
III. Approval of Minutes	Meeting minutes were approved with/without objection.	Chair – Email to Merrittgovdocs@peralta.edu
IV. Standing Items	SLOAC Report: LF: SLOAC is focusing on tracking assessments beyond SLOs (Which we	
	track using an Excel chart). For each course, we should be assessing all	
	SLOs within each 3-year cycle - but we know it's nearly impossible to	
	reach the 100% goal. We are going to add in our APU Validation	
	information for PLOs and ILOs into our tracking. We (along with the	
	Accreditation Committee) will be assessing two ILOs this semester - SP	
	^{21 -} (Communication on Feb. 19th and Critical Thinking on the March	
	Flex Day). We are working with Henry to update our website with our	
	Learning Outcomes tracking.	
	Accreditation/ISER Draft Update:	
	DR: Thank you to everyone here for your support and help on	
	completing the ISER. Dr. Johnson and I met with the ACCJC visiting team	
	today. They are very supportive and stated that our ISER is clear and	
	well written. They provided us with a guide for the online (virtual) visit	
	with the team. The guidelines are specific and we will review those. We	
	are now working on providing a welcoming greeting for the team. Dr.	
	Johnson told them we are working on updating our website and that it	

The mission of Merritt College is to enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve by helping students to attain knowledge, master skills, and develop the appreciation, attitudes and values needed to succeed and participate responsibly in a democratic society and a global economy.

	is an area of growth for us. He also addressed that we are planning to	
	hire a VPAS, so they know it is an area where we are in progress. They	
	have requested a mini-report on our progress since the report was	
	submitted. We want to get that out next week. The ACCJC team said	
	they are focusing on "clarifications," to get more information on	
	anything written in the report. They will review samples of CANVAS	
	courses from FA 2020 and will separately look at classes that were	
	planned as DE as opposed to courses that transitioned to online, due to	
	the pandemic.	
	HA: They also require that we have two open forums for anyone who	
	wants to speak with the team, where the President of the college is not	
	allowed to be present, so everyone feels free to speak their minds. The	
	final ISER Report was submitted in December. We have an Accreditation	
	Day planned for Friday, Feb. 19th. [The agenda was shared] The ACCJC	
	will ask to speak with specific representatives, where they want to get	
	clarification, as well as those who worked on writing the ISER. Experts	
	in specific areas may also get called. There will be 3-4 days of meetings	
	and the ACCJC Team dictates who they want to see. We are hoping to	
	have the more detailed schedule to present on our Accreditation Day on	
	Feb. 19th. We will record our Accreditation Day presentations and make	
	those available afterwards. The ISER is posted to the Accreditation Page	
	on our website.	
	We need to thank the ISER Steering Committee - Nghiem, Stefanie,	
	Denise, David, Tom, Nathan, Dan, in addition to myself for completing a	
	high quality ISER.	
IV. Old Business	Student Enrollment and Admissions Issues	DR: Address Division Deans
	HA: In FA '20, we found from a student survey that 1 in 4 students	 Faculty need to ensure
	had challenges with enrolling in classes. We had a series of	students are not required to
	meetings with an Ad Hoc Student Enrollment and Admissions	attend asynchronous
	Issues Steering Committee late in FA '20 to address these issues.	classes listed as TBA.
	The steering committee included faculty, classified staff, students,	Recordings must be made so students can have access
	and administrators. Dr. Chavez is not here to report on updates.	to these.
	MC: From students, we are hearing a concern about classes that	
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	are listed as "TBA" (nearly $\frac{2}{3}$ of courses for SP '21 were listed this	students to the VPI so the
	way). We need to be clear about whether a course is asynchronous	faculty can be addressed
	or synchronous, and that if a course is listed TBA that	
	participation/attendance cannot be required. Students are reporting	LC: Please setup meeting
	that instructors are stating, in some cases, that these times are	with CB and MTC with A&R
	mandatory. Students continue to have trouble to pay fees online.	DR: Bring up issues of the
	Students also stating that classes are not always posted on	Scheduler, Automation
	CANVAS as classes begin.	options, and a manual for
	LW: There are efforts to make improvements with A&R. Dr.	critical tasks
	Chavez stated that she needs additional staff to support this. There	
	is an understanding that there are problems, but we need to "move	MC: Suggest to students
	the needle" on that.	that they can also access
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DR: These distinctions between asynchronous vs. synchronous	the Welcome Center for
classes has been made clear to faculty through Division Meetings	issues with A&R
and emails. However, we need to follow-up.	DR: Include in the
CB: The MTC has reached out to A&R to advocate for	Mini-Report for ACCJC the
improvement in the process and workflow, but we have not heard	new payment processing
back - there has not been engagement from their end. We would	plan LP brought up
like to help them upgrade their online system and we want A&R to	
drive this conversation.	DR: Make sure Deans pass
LW: The Strategic Enrollment Management Consultant for the	on to faculty that SAS
district told us exactly what CB stated - we need to automate.	Accommodations are to be honored. SAS students
AM: We need to consider the workload on one classified staff	need to feel safe.
member who schedules all of these classes. Can we make this	
amore efficient system for the scheduler, with specific options?	HA: Follow-up with SAS to
Also, do we have a trained backup in the case where something	ensure they reach out to
might happen to our Scheduler (JF).	faculty about
DR: Excellent point. We need to do some cross-training,	accommodation law.
contingency plans, and a manual for critical tasks.	NP: Bring automation into
MR: Many students go directly to A&R for enrollment. In support	next District Tech.
- the Welcome Center is a good and available access point for	Committee
students. The WC is also short-staffed, but we are responding to	
students. The we is also short-started, but we are responding to students by phone, email, and online. We also need to address	NP: We need to present
	disaggregated data info. to
ensuring that faculty honor SAS accommodations.	the BOT (even via email) this month
HA: Your SAS Counselor should be your advocate with faculty.	this month
Students have the right to get their accommodations.	HA: Follow up with Marie to
LP: Regarding payment processing, there will be a system upgrade	get more video content
in February which will hope to address these issues for students.	from Peralta TV and with
Firefox and Internet Explorer are the preferred browsers - many	Laura regarding Landscape
issues are with Google Chrome.	Hort. videos
NP: Automation has come up in MTC and this should also be a	
role at the District Tech. Committee. I will bring this up in the	
March meeting so we can leverage the district resources.	
Improvement Plans:	
HA: shared the three improvement plans from the ISER,	
confirming that we are making progress on these items. The areas	
are using disaggregated data and addressing equity issues	
(Standard I.B.), Program and Institutional Level Outcomes	
Assessment (Standard II) and ensuring the ASMC and Student	
Activity Director have proper training and that student government	
has a strong voice. Details of each were provided.	
NP: There was a flex day workshop on using Power BI to access	
disaggregated data. The recording has been posted on the PDC	
website. I review the public reports by demographics for student	
success and achievement. The Student Equity Committee detailed	
the data analysis and support of equity planning. We have not yet	

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	scheduled reporting disaggregated data out to the BOT. I need to	
	check on ensuring this is on the calendar for the BOT to review it.	
	Participatory Governance Handbook	
	HA: Looking for the February meeting of the College Council for	
	approval.	
	Accreditation Visit Prep	
	We need to make sure people have their "Accreditation Everyday"	
	shirts. We are also creating a "virtual" visit with video tours of	
	specific departments. There will be a general tour given by the	
	President and VPI. There are 10 CTE 30-second videos,	
	Microscopy, Kinesiology, and the Africana Center also have great	
	videos we are going to use.	
V. New Business	Review: Mission Review and IPB Cycles	NP: Please update the IPB
	HA: Briefly review both the mission review and IPB Cycles with	Model revision date to be
	the committee. Mission Review is a 5-year cycle. Most recently,	accurate
	at our January Flex Day, the President presented where we are in	HA: DJ - Send out the link
	this process and NP sent out a survey to all community members.	for the ISER to the college
	NP: We may send out a 2nd survey as a follow-up. At the March	along with the Accreditation Day announcement
	Flex Day, we plan to present multiple versions of the mission	Day announcement
	statement and will seek feedback. The IPB Model is on a one-year	
	cycle. These two cycles are important to nearly every ISER	
	Standard, as our mission guides us and the IPB cycle defines our	
	planning, budgeting, and resource allocation process.	
	Updating our Website:	
	HA: We want to make sure our website is accurate, as well as	
	nicely presented. I will ask each of you to liaison with your	
	participatory governance committee this week to ensure they fill	
	out the "Website Update" form Nathan created. Please encourage	
	the committee chairs to complete these ASAP. There is also a	
	Department/Program/Service Area website update for Chairs,	
	Coordinators or Directors to fill out.	
	MA: Division III is working on this already.	
	NP: The form has spaces for both updates/additions and also for	
	anything that needs to be deleted (missing links).	
VI.	1. Accreditation Day - Friday, Feb. 19th - 10am-3pm	
Announcements	2. Institutional Learning Outcomes Assessments Workshops:	
	a. Communication - 2/19 Accreditation Day	
	b. Critical Thinking - 3/18 Flex Day	
	3. Next Accreditation meeting is 2/12	
	4. ACCJC Visit March 1st-4th	