

Report of the Joint NCATE-CTC Accreditation Focused Visit to California State University Stanislaus

Professional Services Division

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Overview

This item is in follow-up to the joint NCATE-CTC accreditation focused visit to California State University Stanislaus that was conducted February 12-14, 2012. This visit was focused on NCATE Standard 2 which had been found in 2010 to be *Not Met* within the NCATE process.

Staff Recommendation

This is an information item.

Background

Initial Accreditation Site Visit-April 2010

CSU Stanislaus had its initial accreditation site visit for this cycle in April 2010. The visit was a joint NCATE-CTC visit. The COA's accreditation decision in May 2010 was Accreditation with Stipulations. The COA's stipulations required the institution to provide evidence of a unit-wide assessment system that is used for program improvement.

1. That the institution develop and implement a unit-wide assessment system and apply that system across unit programs. The system is to include: data collection, aggregation, and analysis related to unit outcomes; use of those data for unit improvement; and a means for assessing the effectiveness of the system. In addition that the COE provide evidence that assessment is being used systematically for program improvement.
2. That the institution provides evidence about actions taken to address stipulations within one year of the date of action by the Committee on Accreditation.

The NCATE decision after the April 2010 site visit was that NCATE Standard 2 was Not Met and a focused revisit would take place in spring 2012.

Removal of Stipulations-May 2011

CSU Stanislaus submitted documentation to the Commission in Spring 2011 addressing the COA's stipulations. The documentation described the actions that were completed since the accreditation site visit in April 2010. The recommendation of the team lead and staff consultant was that the stipulations be removed and the accreditation status be changed from *Accreditation with Stipulations* to *Accreditation*. At its May 2011 meeting, the COA took action to change the CSU Stanislaus' accreditation status to *Accreditation*.

NCATE was not involved in the submission of documentation in May 2011 and there was no change in the NCATE standard findings or accreditation status at that time.

Joint NCATE-CTC Focused Visit-February 2012

In February 2012 a joint NCATE-CTC focused visit took place at CSU Stanislaus. The original CTC team lead/co-chair and staff consultant attended the focused visit in February 2012 because the California Protocol with NCATE specifies that there will be representation from California on all site visit teams to California institutions. Since CSU Stanislaus was awarded full ***Accreditation*** by the COA in May 2011, the February 2012 focused visit has no impact on CSU Stanislaus' accreditation status in California.

The Focused Visit found that CSU Stanislaus has continued to develop and implement its unit assessment system. The joint NCATE-CTC team recommends to the Unit Accreditation Board (UAB) that NCATE Standard 2 is now ***Met***.