



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS
2002 Student Affairs Assessment Project
CAS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Counseling Services

Scope of Review

This assessment reviewed the effectiveness of Counseling Services Program.

Mission

The mission of Counseling Services is to maintain and enhance students' psychological, emotional, and relational well-being. Counseling Services facilitates a successful experience in academic and social realms for students at CSU Stanislaus.

Assessment Summary

I. Brief description of the assessment process.

With the CAS Self-Assessment Guide completed, the overall compliance score suggests that we meet most essential standards, even though there are possible action plans to be considered in order to increase program effectiveness. This assessment is based on a collective effort. We discussed the criterion and guidelines with respect to our program and worked toward a team consensus.

II. Identified strengths and weaknesses.

Strengths:

- Financial Resources. In spite of limited funds, we are able to establish and accomplish priorities within the scope of budget limitations.
- Facilities. This section was rated slightly below compliance due to soundproofing issues that potentially could undermine confidentiality, even though clients are forewarned of such a possibility.

Weaknesses:

- Program. Although functioning in a reasonably adequate way, finding is the program area suggested a need to strengthen needs assessment activities and contribute more to staff and faculty professional development. Notwithstanding, most components meet essential program standards.
- Technology and equipment

Priorities for the Program

- Through facilities, technology, and equipment, we will work closer with Facilities Services to better insure confidentiality.
- Through a more focused and specific program needs assessment we will be able to better serve students, faculty, and staff.
- The third area of focus is mission and we will endeavor to align our department goals with the overall Student Affairs Mission and University Strategic Priorities.