



## REACCREDITATION SELF-STUDY TEAM/INQUIRY CIRCLES

The Reaccreditation team had a very productive and successful academic year. Last summer, CSU Stanislaus was “endorsed at the maximum level” by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for our *Institutional Proposal*. As a result, WASC requested to use our *Institutional Proposal* as an exemplary training model for those institutions preparing for reviews. After completing the first of three phases for reaccreditation, the campus moved into the second phase, the Capacity and Preparatory Review (CPR) this past fall. The final and third phase, the Educational Effectiveness Review (EER), will begin as an overlap of the CPR in 2008.

Throughout AY 2006/07, Inquiry Circles comprised of faculty, students, staff, and administrators, examined their Inquiry Circle questions based on the four themes identified by the Self-Study Team: **Student Engagement; Infrastructure Support; Teaching and Learning; and Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity**. Additionally, Inquiry Circle members developed several smaller researchable questions in order to investigate further the university’s capacity to address the main questions. Over the spring semester, evidence and data requests have been collected from and returned to the Inquiry Circles for review and discussion. At the end of May, preliminary drafts of the Inquiry Circle reports will be forwarded to the Self-Study writing team, and the first CPR self-study draft will be created this summer. During 2007/08, copies of the CPR draft will be circulated for review and input from the campus community. The final CPR report is due July 7, 2008, followed by the CPR Site Visit, October 1-3, 2008.

Appreciation is extended to all faculty who recently participated in the Faculty Survey for Student Engagement (FSSE). With an almost 40 percent response rate, the Inquiry Circles will have the opportunity to draw upon an important resource during the self study.

Finally, the website for the CSU Stanislaus reaccreditation process has been redesigned and updated to allow for a user-friendly navigation. Inquiry Circle meeting notes, links to requested evidence, member rosters, and contact information are all easily accessible through this electronic portal.

Self-Study website: <http://web.csustan.edu/wasc/>

### Key Dates:

**July 7, 2008**  
**October 1-3, 2008**

**Capacity and Preparatory Review Report Due**  
**Capacity and Preparatory Review Site Visit**

December 9, 2009  
March 3-5, 2010

Educational Effectiveness Review Report Due  
Educational Effectiveness Site Visit

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