Ways CSU Stanislaus students can prepare for the WASC Educational Effectiveness Review Visit

1. Try to be on campus during the visit (March 1-3, 2010).

2. Try to attend the Student Open Forum on Tuesday, March 2, 2:00-2:45am in the Carol Burke Student Lounge, if it does not interfere with your course schedule.

3. Learn what WASC & accreditation are all about:

   WASC (Western Association of Schools & Colleges) is responsible for the evaluation of the quality and effectiveness of colleges and universities offering the baccalaureate degree and above in California, Hawaii, Guam and the Pacific Basin.

   Accreditation is a voluntary, independent review of educational programs to determine that a quality education is being provided.

   Accreditation means that other colleges and universities think of us in the same terms academically (even if they have a football team and we don’t).

   Accreditation means that we can offer financial aid.

   Accreditation means that your schoolwork here will be recognized somewhere else if you transfer or apply to graduate school.

   Accreditation means we’re here to stay!

4. Things that the representatives from WASC may want to know about:

   - Overall quality of the university
   - Rapport with faculty
   - In-class research opportunities
   - Quality of the Library
   - Level of faculty engagement with students (not “are they popular” but “do they get you motivated”)
   - Impressions of difficulty of course work
   - Quality of support services (writing labs, tutoring, advising, etc.)

Places you may want to consult for more information:
   Our Self-study website
   http://www.csustan.edu/WASC/

   Our Educational Effectiveness Review
   http://www.csustan.edu/WASC/Pages/EducationalEffectivenessReview.html

QUESTIONS??
Contact Diana Heredia (ASPresident@csustan.edu)
or Rick Albert (ASVicePresident@csustan.edu)
Date: Tuesday, March 2nd
Time: 2:00-2:45pm

Carol Burke
Student Lounge

Come and speak with site visit team members from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Pizza and beverages will be served.