

**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)**

# OPEN STUDENT FORUM

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.

