



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS

REACCREDITATION SELF-STUDY TEAM/INQUIRY CIRCLES SEPTEMBER 2007



In Summer 2006, 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. In Fall 2006, the campus moved into the second phase, the Capacity and Preparatory Review (CPR), which examines the University’s infrastructure that supports learning and institutional quality. The final and third phase, the Educational Effectiveness Review (EER), begins in 2008, and examines the quality of student learning and institutional effectiveness.

Throughout AY 2006/07, Inquiry Circles (comprised of faculty, students, staff, and administrators), examined four themes identified through extensive campus consultation:

- ◆ **Engaging a Diverse Student Population in Learning**
- ◆ **Infrastructure Support for Learning**
- ◆ **Teaching and Learning**
- ◆ **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 four themes. During Spring 2007, Inquiry Circles discussed evidence and data regarding their researchable questions. At the end of May, Inquiry Circles forwarded their reports to the Self-Study writing team, and the first Capacity and Preparatory Review self-study working draft was created.

This fall, the Inquiry Circle Chairs, members, and the Self-Study Team will continue to refine the first working draft, with a second draft to be distributed to the campus in January 2008. After feedback is received, a third draft will be completed by mid-March for final print and submission to WASC.

All Capacity and Preparatory Review drafts are available for viewing on the CSU Stanislaus reaccreditation website. All Inquiry Circle meeting notes, links to evidence, member rosters, contact information, and other reaccreditation documents are easily accessible through this electronic portal as well.

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

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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