Introduction to Program Review

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* Objective 1:What is Program Review

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* Maintain high quality programs
* Support student learning and college operations
* Support accreditation standards
  + Standard 1.B.5-9 addresses Institutional Effectiveness
  + Standard I.C. 1-5 addresses Institutional Integrity
* Reflect the Bakersfield College Vision, Mission, and Core Values Statements
* Commit to ongoing institutional planning, implementation, and evaluation cycle necessary to ensure continuous program and service improvement
* Promote Program and College transparency
* The results of program review are used to continually refine and improve program practices resulting in improvements in student achievement and learning through and o inform the planning process and the justification and allocation of needed resources and budgeting processes

Purpose of Program Review

* + Opportunity to promote educational excellence.
  + Improve instruction and services to students.
  + Assess each unit’s quality and effectiveness.
  + Stimulate planning and continuous improvement.
  + Encourage strategic development to further the college’s priorities.
* Objective 3: Program Review as an Agent of Change
  + Integrate systems between committees and initiatives.
    - Assessment Committee
    - Curriculum Committee
    - Office of Institutional Effectiveness
    - Enrollment Management Committee
  + Feedback is a two-way street for improvement, which leads to greater potential for resources.
  + eLumen has helped to create a more accessible and meaningful program review process.
  + Accreditation
    - We are mandated through Title 5 to conduct Program Reviews:

Title 5 definition of an “educational program”:

(m) “Educational program” is an organized sequence of courses leading to a defined objective, a degree, a certificate, a diploma, a license, or transfer to another institution of higher education.

Source: 5 CCR section 55000

Barclays Official California Code of Regulations

Title 5. Education

Division 6. California Community Colleges

Chapter 6. Curriculum and Instruction

Subchapter 1. Programs, Courses and Classes

Article 1. Program, Course and Class Classification and Standards

* + Program Review resource requests and budgeting connection
  + Alignment to Strategic Directions (link)
  + Closing the loop
  + CCCC Vision for Success (link)
  + The History of Program Review at Bakersfield College
    - Prior to 2002 (2000) (get the 90s document), the Budget and Program Review were a single committee.
    - In 2002, in response to recommendations from the ACCJC site visit, the responsibilities of the Budget and Program Review Committee were re-conceptualized and split up into two committees, the College Council and the Institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC.)
    - The IEC was formally charged with overseeing assessment and evaluation of programs, conducting all program reviews, and serving as the primary resource for College Council in Institutional Master Plan development.
    - In mid-January 2003, all program review efforts were halted by the President and under the direction of the College Council a college wide unit-level audit was conducted to address both the recent statewide severe budget shortfall and to document the accomplishments of all units.
    - Intensive self-audits of educational and support processes took place during that time by trained faculty
    - In 2011, as Bakersfield College was preparing for the 2012 ACCJC Self Study, IEC was formally changed to the Program Review Committee along with the establishment of the Accreditation Steering Committee (now AIQ).
    - # of program reviews
    - In 2018, the Program Review Committee received a commendation from ACCJC during their site visit for its work in aligning to the standards set forth by ACCJC.
    - 2019-20 Program Review is fully integrated in eLumen. This was a goal, not only for Program Review, but this was part of the 2018-21 cycle of BC's Strategic Directions.