

**Accreditation and Institutional Quality (AIQ) Committee March 22, 2017 Written Report
To be shared at March 22 Senate Meeting and March 24 FCDC Meeting
(Report prepared by Mark Staller, AIQ Faculty Co-Chair)**

The Accreditation and Institutional Quality committee last met on Tuesday, March 21, in Levinson 40 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Here are three highlights from this AIQ meeting:

- Jason Stratton, Faculty Co-Chair of the BC Self Evaluation Report, updated the AIQ committee members on the progress of the BC Self Evaluation. Jason reported that we are on track to have all Standard work teams produce a first draft of their section of the Self Evaluation report by the May 1 deadline. Standard work teams are at various stages of collecting evidence, writing, and seeking guidance on their sections.
- Janet Fulks, Administrative Lead for the Quality Focus Essay (QFE) reported that one possible topic of concern for the QFE may be how BC schedules classes. In order for students to get through their educational pathways in a timely manner, BC must schedule classes in a way that allows students to complete their education in a prescribed number of semesters.
- Kate Pluta, Administrative Co-Chair of AIQ, announced that there will be a summer Accreditation Institute for Standard Co-Leads on May 22 and May 23.

Here are some important upcoming dates related to Accreditation:

April 4, April 25, and May 9: The three remaining AIQ committee meetings for this semester. AIQ acts as the steering committee and “trouble shooting” team for the Self Evaluation report. If you have any accreditation questions or problems that cannot be answered or solved by the Self Evaluation Team (Chaired by Liz Rozell and Jason Stratton), you can contact AIQ for assistance. The AIQ Committee meets from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Levinson 40 on the above dates.

March 31: Accreditation Laboratory hosted by the AIQ committee. Join us on March 31, 2017, from 8 a.m. to noon for an Accreditation Laboratory. We will start the day in Business 7 for a brief orientation session that will cover some of the “nuts and bolts” of researching and writing the Self Evaluation report, then we will split up into work group teams (meeting in three different rooms) to get more Self Evaluation research and writing completed. If you are on a work group team, plan on attending this accreditation laboratory to get a substantial amount of work completed on your section of the Self Evaluation. You will be able to get help and advice from AIQ committee members and from “expert” researchers and writers involved in past iterations of BC’s Self Evaluation and/or Mid Term reports.

May 1: Deadline for the first draft of the 2017-2018 Bakersfield College Self Evaluation. In order to receive the commendations we wish to receive from ACCJC, all work group teams should be aiming to turn in a substantial first draft of their section of the Self-Study, including evidence and documentation that is properly named and referenced.

May 22 & 23: Summer Accreditation Institute for Standard Co-Leads (more details to follow)

If you have any follow-up questions or concerns about this AIQ written report, you can contact Kate Pluta (AIQ Administrative Co-Chair) or Mark Staller (AIQ Faculty Co-Chair). Many thanks to all the faculty and staff who have gotten involved in the Accreditation process and who are busy researching and writing their Standard sections and subsections of the BC Self Evaluation report.