



Resolution 14.3.2 - Resolution (Support Council of Chief Librarians Concerns - ACCJC Draft Accreditation Standards regarding Libraries and Learning Support Services): Devin Milner

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Resolution in Support of the Council of Chief Librarians Concerns to the ACCJC Draft Accreditation Standards as they Relate to Libraries and Learning Support Services.

Whereas, As of January 10, 2014, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) has drafted new Standards to replace the 2002 Standards without incorporating proposals given to the Commission from the Council of Chief Librarians, a group that represents librarians in the California community colleges, to strengthen the coordination of student learning among librarians, learning support staff, and discipline faculty;

Whereas, the current Substandard II.C.2 entitled "Library and Learning Support Services" contains elements that have provided for constructive assessment of libraries and systematically improved them;

Whereas, the ACCJC draft Standards weaken, to the detriment of student learning, the criteria used in the 2002 Standards in regard to information competency and access to library materials and services regardless of location or means of delivery; and

Whereas, the ACCJC draft Standards eliminate all reference to institutions "providing personnel responsible for student learning programs" and eliminate the current Substandard II.C.2 entitled "Library and Learning Support Services" and place the standards now in that section under Standard IIB (Student Services);

Resolved, the Academic Senate for San Diego Mesa College advocates for the concerns of library faculty as proposed by the Council of Chief Librarians and endorsed by the Fall Plenary Session Resolution 02.05 of the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges and for reconsideration of the draft Standards issued by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) at the January 2014 meeting of the ACCJC; and

Resolved, that the Academic Senate for San Diego Mesa College advocates for the retention of the "Library and Learning Support Services" as a separate Substandard in the proposed new ACCJC Standards.

Presented to the Academic Senate: March 17, 2014

Approved by the Academic Senate: April 7, 2014

ACCJC PROPOSED REVISIONS AND LIBRARIES

The Council of Chief Librarians (CCL) is a representative group of library deans, directors, and chairs in the California community colleges. The CCL Executive Board has been actively lobbying for changes to the proposed ACCJC standards, as they weaken the library's role in student learning and information competency. Follow links below for information on CCL's responses to ACCJC as well as the resolution passed at the fall plenary session of the ASCCC. The Mesa Library faculty support CCL's efforts and ask for institutional support as outlined below.

CCL proposal 2012 in response to ACCJC proposed draft standards (see last link):

<http://www.cclccc.org/documents/2014/ACCJC-Template-filled-out.pdf>

ASCCC resolution passed fall 2013: <http://www.asccc.org/resolutions/responding-draft-accjc-accreditation-standards-they-relate-libraries-and-learning-support>

CCL President's letter to ACCJC Jan. 2014: <http://www.cclccc.org/documents/2014/Karas-re-accjc.pdf>

Current ACCJC standards: http://www.accjc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Accreditation-Standards_Edited-Nov-2012.pdf

Draft ACCJC standards with cross walk: <http://www.accjc.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/Accreditation-Standards-crosswalked-First-Reading-January-2014.pdf>

Action requested by the Council of Chief Librarians, California Community Colleges:

- **Institutional:** This is the most powerful means of altering the revised Standards. The comment form asks "College affiliation or name of other organization you are representing". It is critical that we work with our College Academic Senates, Accreditation Liaison Officer, and Vice-presidents to ensure our recommendations are included in the institutional response to ACCJC.
 - **College:** See the CCL proposal document (link above). This can be used as a template to insert our recommendations into your Institutional feedback to ACCJC. Your College's Accreditation Liaison Officer and/or Vice-President of Instruction would be the typical conduit for this feedback. ACCJC specifically asks for institutions to give feedback. As stated on the ACCJC website: "We request that you publicize the information in this memo to your institution" and "College affiliation or name of other organization you are representing".
- **Constituent Group:** An official response has been submitted by CCL and there will be representatives to make comments at the California public hearings
- **Individual:** an individual may submit the feedback form or make comments at any of the public hearings.
- The locations of the public hearings are:

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Monday, April 28, 2014

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Honolulu, Hawaii

Sylmar, California

Sacramento, California