

ISER Update: Core Inquiries Report

Mission Informed Planning Council
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Timeline Overview

- Dec 2023: Foothill submits ISER to the ACCJC
- Jan – Mar 2024: Peer Review Team evaluates ISER
- Mar 2024: Foothill responds to additional request for evidence
- Apr 2024: Foothill receives Core Inquiries Report; College President and ALO meet with Peer Review Team chairs
- Sep 2024: Foothill submits additional evidence in response
- Sep 30 and Oct 1, 2024: Peer Review Team visits Foothill

Core Inquiries Report posted: [Reaffirmation of Accreditation 2024](#)

What are Core Inquiries?

- Communicates potential areas of noncompliance, improvement, or exemplary practice
- Describes areas of emphasis for the Focused Site Visit, where additional information will be reviewed and gathered to determine whether all Standards are met

How should Foothill respond to Core Inquiries?

- Review Core Inquiries and use the time leading up to the Focused Site Visit as an opportunity to gather more evidence, collate information, and to strengthen or develop processes in the continuous improvement cycle.

Sets priorities and identifies our scope of work to demonstrate ongoing and continuous work toward institutional effectiveness.

Core Inquiries Report Findings: SLOs

- (1) The Team would like to verify the College's process for ensuring regular assessment of student learning outcomes (II.A.3).
- Requests:
 - Communication plan and accountability measures related to cycle of assessment
 - Documentation of assessment process and outcomes of updated process

Core Inquiries Report Findings: RSI

- (2) The Team seeks clarification on the College's process for ensuring regular and substantive interaction in all its distance education courses (Policy on Distance Ed and Correspondence Ed).
- Requests:
 - Communication to faculty regarding RSI
 - Additional samples of online courses from Spring 2024
 - Documentation, templates, and training on the new RSI 3-year assessment cycle and process.

Core Inquiries Report Findings: District

- (3) The Team seeks to understand how the board regularly reviews and updates its policies for their effectiveness in fulfilling the District's mission (IV.C.7).
- Requests:
 - Documentation how regular review of board policies is occurring
 - Documentation of progress occurring related to the regular review of board policies

Next Steps

- Apr 26, 2024: Accreditation Steering Committee to review Core Inquiries Report
- Tasks include:
 - Identifying areas for additional evidence
 - Working to demonstrate progress
 - Reaching out to those to be interviewed
 - Discussing with constituency groups where appropriate
 - Reporting out at MIPC

Thoughts?