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Accreditation recommendations to the College and year of recommendation	Actions taken by the college to address recommendations	Improvement results
<p>During SFCC's five-year NWCCU accreditation interim visit (October 2008), there were no recommendations made to the college. The submitted five-year report from SFCC may be found at the following internet site. http://www.spokanefalls.edu/College/Accreditation.aspx</p> <p>SFCC has submitted its Year One Report on August 26th, 2011, based on Standard One and is awaiting feedback from the NWCCU evaluators on that report.</p>	<p>While no recommendations were made to the college during the five-year interim visit of October 9-10, 2008 and all recommendations made from the October 2003 visit and subsequent reports and visits were addressed, SFCC continues to reinforce its adherence to its mission while taking necessary measures to enhance quality and to continuously improve. Please note some examples (in Improvement Results section) that reflect progress in prior initiatives and new actions since our 2009-2010 WSQA.</p> <p>No further action was required after the October, 2008 visit that resulted in two commendations and no recommendations.</p>	<p>SFCC was commended for its institution-wide focus on student success and attention to meeting the needs of students and acceptance of student achievement as a responsibility throughout the academy. Examples of new actions and improvements in 2010-2011:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certified Academic Advisors now number 119 instructional faculty members who have been trained using NACADA best practices for professional development. Certified advisors advise students with 30 college credits or less in mandatory advising for students attending for a degree or certification. 2. New non-transfer students now attend a mandatory four hour comprehensive,

		<p>new student orientation learning about how to succeed in college, financial aid, support services, advising and registering for classes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) was administered for the first time at the college. Data was analyzed and action steps will be developed in 2011-2012. 4. A comprehensive Program Review Tracking Matrix process for SFCC's 20 career technical programs was finalized and results nearly completed for the 2010-2011 academic year with all programs participating. 5. Updated agreement, based on Policy A-6 of the NWCCU, as well as 2010-2011 Annual Progress Report from CCS Institute for Extended Learning (agreement partner) were signed and submitted. 6. Implemented Project DEgree initiative from the Gateway to College National Foundation designed for tripled developmental education students. The Project DEgree students had a 70.7 Fall to Spring retention rate compared to 50.6 % for the comparison group, and a 53.6% Fall to Fall retention rate compared to the comparison group of 27.5%. Curriculum revision took place in better incorporate math success instruction into the first quarter cohort. 7. Based on evaluation studies on student achievement initiatives, due to less than promising results the college discontinued the supplemental instruction initiative but because of promising results continued with peer
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