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Accreditation recommendations to the College and year of recommendation	Actions taken by the college to address recommendations	Improvement results
<p>“The accreditation of Tacoma Community College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2011 Year One Evaluation.” <i>Sandra Elman, President, NWCCU</i></p> <p>Three recommendations:</p> <p>The evaluation panel recommends that Tacoma Community College include an articulation of institutional accomplishments or outcomes representing an acceptable threshold or extent of mission fulfillment (Standard 1.A.2). Spring 2011.</p>	<p>Core themes are TCC’s mission-based institutional goals. TCC measures its effectiveness toward reaching these goals by assessing indicators organized under strategic objectives. These indicators are TCC’s <i>core indicators</i>. Each core indicator includes a mission fulfillment threshold.</p>	

<p>The evaluation panel recommends that Tacoma Community College reorient each core theme, objective and indicator from a reference of continuous improvement to a perspective of mission fulfillment. This will allow for the periodic exercise of redefining mission fulfillment as a catalyst and basis for continuous improvement within the accreditation self-study process (Standard 1.B.2). Spring 2011.</p> <p>The evaluation panel recommends that Tacoma Community College seek more direct assessment indicators for the “Achieve Equity” core theme that include the requisite benchmarks to demonstrate mission fulfillment. It is further recommended that TCC sufficiently design and document indirect assessment indicators so that the data produced truly reflects achievement of the related core theme (Standard 1.B.2). Spring 2011.</p>	<p>Each core theme is considered fulfilled when 75% of its core indicators meet or exceed mission fulfillment thresholds. Fulfillment of all three core themes represents TCC’s acceptable extent of institutional mission fulfillment.</p> <p>Each core theme, objective and indicator has been restated with a mission fulfillment threshold.</p> <p>TCC’s assessment indicators for the core theme, Achieve Equity, have been revised to include additional direct indicators with mission fulfillment benchmarks. Indirect assessment indicators have been removed as mission fulfillment indicators.</p>	
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