

# ACCREDITATION NEWS

2019/20 – Year 3 of ACS WASC | Accreditation Cycle

## SAN DIEGO CONTINUING EDUCATION

Spring 2020

San Diego Continuing Education (SDCE), an adult education institution within the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD), is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) on a seven-year basis. The school is currently accredited through June 2024 and is continually documenting and improving processes to maintain accreditation on an ongoing basis.

Please visit [SDCE's Accreditation web page](#) on the Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness (PRIE) site for more information.

**Mission Statement:** San Diego Continuing Education commits to student success and community enrichment by providing accessible, equitable, and innovative quality education and support services to diverse adult learners in pursuit of lifelong learning, training, career advancement, and pathways to college.

### FIVE VISITING COMMITTEE KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Expand and increase access to course offerings, support services, and workforce development opportunities to support student success.
2. Increase internal and external communication and collaboration.
3. Provide equal access to targeted professional development with mechanisms that track and measure impact.
4. Maintain and secure technology in support of data-driven instruction, decision making, and student services.
5. Use Integrated planning to support institutional and student success.

#### Progress Highlights on Recommendation #2:

In 2018/19, through the allocation of Strong Workforce funding, SDCE renovated two career centers and implemented a Career and College Transitions Program to increase workforce opportunities for students. A Dean of College and Career Transitions, three job developers, and one Job Placement Coordinator were hired to support this work. (Evidence: Special Projects Manager report)

### GOT EVIDENCE?

Have you attended an event or had an interaction with a student, faculty, administrator or community member in which SDCE shows support of one or more of our key recommendations from our visiting team? We want to hear from you. Please contact Debi King ([dking002@sdccd.edu](mailto:dking002@sdccd.edu)) for details on how to submit your evidence.

### SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Accreditation Sub-Committee meets the third Thursday of each month during fall and spring. Guests are welcome. Contact [jluedtke@sdccd.edu](mailto:jluedtke@sdccd.edu) if interested in attending.

### YEAR 3 PROGRESS REPORT

The 2019/20 academic year represented a transition from building infrastructure, systems, and processes to reporting and progress oversight of the institution's progress on key Institutional Strategic goals for 2016-2021 and their related Accreditation Action Plan growth areas. Progress on both the Institutional Strategic Plan and the Accreditation Plan action steps were reviewed this spring by the Accreditation Sub-Committee, the Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Committee, President's Executive Cabinet, and President's Cabinet, culminating in an update presented to EGC in May. Mid-cycle report writing is underway, with the expectation that the mid-cycle report will be ready to review with constituencies in the fall in preparation for the spring 2021 one-day visit.

- [2019/20 Accreditation Action Plan Update](#) (and [Progress Overview](#))
- [2019/20 Institutional Strategic Plan Update](#) (and [Progress Overview](#))

### ACCREDITATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Katie Serbian, Faculty (co-chair)

Jessica Luedtke, Dean

Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness

Laurie Cozzolino, Flex/Professional Development Coordinator

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Stephanie Lewis, Dean, Career & College Transitions

Andrei Lucas, Dean, Automotive, Skilled and Technical Trades

Jesus Rivas, Research and Planning Analyst

A special welcome to the following new members:

Andrei, Debi, Magda and Stephanie.

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## ACS WASC WEBSITE UPDATES

ACS WASC is posting updates due to COVID-19 pandemic as they occur at: [www.acswasc.org/coronavirus-19/coronavirus-19-updates/](http://www.acswasc.org/coronavirus-19/coronavirus-19-updates/); changes are not impacting SDCE accreditation deadlines

## MID-CYCLE TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

Spring and Summer 2020

Write Accreditation Mid-Cycle Report drafts

May 2020

2019/20 final Action Plan Update to EGC

Fall 2020

Vetting of Mid-Cycle Report through Shared Governance and final updates

Fall 2020

2020/21 Action Plan introduced through Shared Governance

January 2021

Midterm Report to District Instructional Services / Shared with Chancellor's Cabinet\*

February 2021

Final comments from District Governance Council / Board Subcommittee review / presentation to the Board for review and approval\*

February/March 2021

Midterm Report to ACS WASC\*

April 2021

ACS WASC one-day visit\*

\*Subject to change

## SDCE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The recent events related to the Covid-19 Pandemic have impacted all areas of SDCE, beginning in late March, with campus closures, in-person class transitions to remote/on-line delivery, and transitions by nearly all employees to remote work conditions. SDCE has

responded to support SDCE students, faculty and staff.

President Carlos Turner Cortez launched the first of what will be regularly scheduled 'SDCE in Focus' Community Town Meetings on April 1, 2020. Designed to 'share information as quickly

as possible when decisions are made that impact SDCE students, processes and operations' as well as to 'hear and share examples of the positive work we are doing to support our students and one another.' The first Meeting was attended by 180+ participants, with meetings also held on April 8th & 22nd, with more to come.

**Support to Students:** Within a few short weeks, registration processes were moved to remote/online-only, with Classified Professional, Counseling, Faculty, IT & Administrative staff working creatively and collectively to reach out to students. With support from the Rising to Success program, San Diego Gateway to College and Career (SDG2CC) program, and SDCE Foundation, up to 1,000 laptops will be distributed to students. Click [SDCE Delivers To Students!](#) to see a news video of the distribution held at ECC.



Student and Employee Laptop Distribution

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