

Orange Coast College Academic Senate

Accreditation Warning Compliance – District Project Management Plan Resolution

WHEREAS Orange Coast College has been put on Accreditation Warning status by the ACCJC, the accrediting body for community colleges in California;

WHEREAS failure to comply on time with all of the ACCJC “Recommendations” is likely to lead to OCC’s accreditation status being raised to a higher level of sanction than “Warning”;

WHEREAS the ACCJC has imposed a deadline of March 15th 2014 for OCC’s reply to their accreditation warning and The Coast Community District Board of Trustees would need the final accreditation report by February 9th 2014 in order for them to approve it in time;

WHEREAS the last time (2007) that Orange Coast College was on Accreditation Warning status, the College had years in which to formulate its compliance strategy;

WHEREAS, unlike the situation in 2007, The College in the 2013-2014 academic year has a total of 6 months to satisfy all of the ACCJC’s Warning status Recommendations.

WHEREAS all but one of the specific changes required by ACCJC for OCC to have its accreditation warning status removed are actions that are required of the District and not of OCC;

WHEREAS institutions have an obligation to provide mechanisms of shared governance;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CCCD immediately hire an independent firm, specializing in Project Management, to develop a detailed Project Management Plan for compliance with ACCJC’s “Warning” recommendations to the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CCCD submit to the OCC Academic Senate the Project Management Plan for compliance with ACCJC’s recommendations to the District; and the CCCD deliver a presentation to the Senate on implementation no later than Sep. 24th 2013.