UCSF WASC Reaffirmation of Accreditation 2006-2010

WASC
Western Association of Schools and Colleges
Needed for Department of Education Funding
Occurs every 10 years

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Why we are here today

• Review WASC Accreditation Process
• Discuss Current Stage – Capacity and Preparatory Review
  – Report due December 2008
  – Site Visit in February 2009
• Engage in discussion of actions taken and planned

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CPR Report

- Demonstrate capacity to carry out actions recommended in Institutional Proposal
- Demonstrate adequate preparation for the Educational Effectiveness Review in 2010

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CPR Report

- Introductory Essay
  - Campus process to develop report

- Reflective Essays on Three Themes
  - Learning Environment
  - Student Learning Outcomes
  - Diversity

- Concluding Essay
  - Preparation for Educational Effectiveness Review

Theme 1 – Learning Environment

- Guiding Question
  - What are the optimal organizational structures to sustain and promote excellence in teaching and learning in our academic health sciences environment?

- Overview
  - Educational space and technology lags enrollment and best practices
  - Opportunities at Parnassus and Mission Bay
  - Library as learning center
  - Organizational structure – support for education
  - Recruitment/retention of faculty, trainees and staff
Theme 1 – Learning Environment

• Actions Taken (Partial List)
  – Establishing New Teaching and Learning Center
  – Implemented Classroom Improvement Initiative
  – Implementing New Wireless System for Classrooms
  – Established Educational Systems Advisory Committee
  – Enhanced campuswide system – data acquisition and dissemination
    • Re-invigorated Institutional Research
    • Enhanced student portal – electronic fee payment in place and electronic transfer of financial aid planned for Fall 2009

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Theme 2 – Student Learning Outcomes

• Guiding Question
  – What are the optimal curricular structures to effectively prepare students for contemporary challenges in the health professions?

• Overview
  – Students isolated from other programs – lock step curricula - need interaction
  – Challenge - educate leaders/faculty – large proportion will retire in 10-15 years

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Theme 2 – Student Learning Outcomes

- Actions Taken (Partial List)
  - Established task force - interprofessional education
    - Assessed current efforts, recommend strategies
    - Assessing learning outcomes from current programs
  - Implementing initiatives that support interprofessional education
    - New on-line course schedule – Fall 2008
    - New common academic calendar being reviewed for 2009-10
  - Inspiring students to follow academic career
    - Assessing current efforts and barriers

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Theme 3 - Diversity

- Guiding Question
  - What are the optimal strategies to enhance campus wide diversity of faculty, trainees, and staff and to promote inclusiveness of all backgrounds and perspectives?

- Overview
  - UC Diversity Statement
  - UCSF commitment
  - UCSF history, Early acceptance, Black caucus, Proposition 209
  - Current efforts (e.g. New Diversity Initiative)

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Theme 3 - Diversity

• Actions Taken (Partial List)
  – Hired new Director of Academic Diversity
  – Created inventory of academic outreach programs and recommended strategies to strengthen and expand these programs
  – Launched new UCSF Diversity Web Site
  – Return of Inside UCSF
  – Establishing system of incentives/accountability
    • Databases
    • Outcome measures

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Campus Engagement

• Accreditation Steering Committee
• Presentations to Faculty Councils, Staff and Student Groups
• UCSF WASC Accreditation Web Site November 2008
• UCSF Today Articles

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What we want you to remember

- CPR report focuses on 3 themes – Learning Environment, Learning Outcomes and Diversity
- WASC will conduct site visit in February 2009 and some of you will be asked to participate
- We will return in 2010 to discuss final stage in process – educational effectiveness review

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