UCSF WASC Reaffirmation of Accreditation 2006-2010

WASC = Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- Only accreditation for Graduate Division
- Needed for U.S. Department of Education funding/financial aid
- Occurs every 10 years

Initial stage: Institutional Proposal

Current stage – Capacity and Preparatory Review
- Demonstrate capacity to carry out actions recommended in Institutional Proposal
- Demonstrate adequate preparation for Educational Effectiveness Review in 2010
- Report due December 2008, WASC site visit in February 2009

Three Themes
- Learning Environment
- Student Learning Outcomes
- Diversity

**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 campus-wide 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

**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

Theme 2 – Student Learning Outcomes - Actions Taken (Partial List)
- Established task force – inter-professional education
- Assessed current efforts, recommend strategies
- Assessing learning outcomes from current programs
- Implementing initiatives that support inter-professional 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

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 in campus strategic plan)

Theme 3 – Diversity - Actions Taken (Partial List)
• Hired new Director of Academic Diversity
• Created inventory of academic outreach programs
• 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

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

Three take-home points:
• CPR report focuses on 3 themes:
  o Learning Environment,
  o Learning Outcomes, and
  o Diversity
• WASC site visit in February 2009 - some of you may be asked to participate
• 2010 final stage in process – Educational Effectiveness Review

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