



Accreditation Notes from PDD "Yellow Session" on 8-26-16

Accreditation Q&A with EVC Leadership

The breakout session featured three members of our administrative team and they were selected to be on this panel for their experience with accreditation. President Yong has served as a chair and as a member of accreditation teams. Vice President Keith Aytch has served as EVC's accreditation Officer for the last two visits. Also selected for this panel was Dean Merryl Kravitz who has had experience serving on visiting teams, once as President Yong's assistant.

Mark Gonzales was selected to serve as MC of these three forums.

All of the three sessions were well attended and they all included good audience participation. All three panelist shared their past experience with accreditation and all gave great insights into the process. President Yong gave good insights from a visiting chair person's perspective and VP Aytch gave great insight on the dos and don'ts of being a successful host to a visiting team. Both President Yong and VP Aytch gave tremendous insight to what accreditations teams are looking for. Dean Merryl Kravitz gave very specific examples on evidence and how the team looks for evidence if they feel a particular standard was vague or unclear.

Topics talked about and discussed during each session included, the Quality focused essay and why it is needed, what has EVC learned about itself through the accreditation process and how the QFE is related to planning and Institutional effectiveness.

Also, during each session, each faculty and staff member were encouraged to continue read the entire accreditation document, paying special attention to areas that pertain to them. The audience was also strongly encouraged to attend one or more of the accreditation open forums with the accreditation visiting team.

Each session ended with the audience feeling better equipped for the upcoming visit and the panel of experts felt better about the faculty and staff's preparation.