



Accreditation Bulletin December 2013

By Jennifer Owens, WASC Chairperson

I hope this Accreditation Newsletter finds you working hard, happy, and ready for a much deserved break!! Last week, I sent out a copy of the accreditation report. I hope that you received it, opened it, and dare I dream... read it!! If you didn't receive it or couldn't open it, please let me know and I'll send a hard copy to you via district mail – yes, I do care about you and accreditation enough to do that for you!!

As you know, we had a meeting on December 6, 2013 at Foothills. I would like to extend a special thank you to those that attended. If the time and/or day was inconvenient for you, do not worry, I have something up my sleeve to remedy that!! Yes, I am always looking out for you!! At the meeting on the 6th I presented the report, answered questions, and explained where we are in the accreditation process. We then broke into focus groups. During that time, the report was shared in greater depth and there was significant input that included additions, corrections, and deletions. Not only have we had substantial and valuable input during our meetings, but the electronic feedback has been tremendous. You guys are actually reading the report, finding corrections and are emailing me important information. I find that so THRILLING!! I love it!! Keep them coming!! I'm not sure if you're aware of this or not, but – I'm not perfect and I appreciate (AND NEED) all of your corrections, comments, and contributions!!

This month's focus is on the second of our three **Student Learner Outcomes (SLOs)**.

Take a moment to reflect on how we have communicated this SLO with students and other stakeholders.

Self-Directed Lifelong Effective Communicators who:

Express oneself in a variety of social, academic, and workplace settings

Utilize technology and social media to communicate effectively

Develop an increased understanding of and appreciation for our diverse community

As a Leadership Team, we will spend the next few weeks finalizing the report so that it is ready to go to the printer in January. This will ensure that we are able to send it to each member of the visiting committee six weeks prior to the March 24-26, 2014 visit. There are still a lot of tasks to complete before March and we look forward to getting those done.

We are holding an all stakeholders meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014 from 4:00 – 5:30 at Foothills in Room 53. You are officially invited!! I hope the change in day and time allows those who are unable to attend on Friday afternoons the opportunity to join us.

This report represents all of us at Grossmont Adult School!! It is my goal and desire to have you feel just as much a part of it as I do!!

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions, or just want an update, please feel free to stop me in the hall or email me at jlowens@guhds.net. Thank you for reading this!!

Happiest of holidays to you and your family!!

Jennifer