



# Accreditation Bulletin February 2014

By Jennifer Owens, WASC Chairperson

Happy February!! It's been a busy day!! Vicki and I picked up the final copy of the accreditation report from the printer, packaged it up, and sent a copy to each member of the visiting committee. Feelings of relief, excitement, eagerness, and a dash of "I sure hope they like it!" are running through my mind.

Compiling, writing, and finalizing the report has been an entire Grossmont Adult School effort. Thank you to each of you for your contributions, suggestions, and support. Now that the report is in the mail, the final countdown to the actual visit begins.

The visiting committee will arrive Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and check in at the hotel. That afternoon, they will come to Foothills for a reception. The following three days (**March 24-26**) will consist of meetings, classroom visits, informal student and teacher conversations, as well as the committee writing their findings. This truly is an exciting time because the visiting committee will be able to see for themselves what an amazing job we do here at Grossmont Adult School.

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

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

**Productive, Involved Citizens, Parents, and Workers who:**

**Achieve personal, academic, and workplace goals**

**Participate in civic activities to contribute to the wellbeing of the community**

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Thursday, January 30, 2014 we held an "All Stakeholders Meeting" at the East County Career Center. It was attended by faculty, staff, teachers, students, and community members. It was an opportunity for all in attendance to learn about the many programs we offer, learn about accreditation, and share their personal association and experience with Grossmont Adult School. It was a huge success. If you are feeling that you missed out, do not worry; we will continue to hold these meetings throughout the year.

**As I promised at Back to School night last August (feels like eons ago), one of my major goals was to have everyone feel comfortable and informed with the accreditation process. To ensure that happens, there is a mandatory meeting for all faculty and staff. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> in Room 6 at El Cajon Adult Center. We are holding three meeting times to accommodate everyone's schedule. You may select a time of 1:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., or 6:00 p.m. Please put this date on your calendar and be sure to attend.**

Attached is a copy of the final report. Please read the report. It's actually very interesting. If you're like me, you'll be surprised by how many things Grossmont Adult School does that you didn't know about. We're amazing!!

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@guhsd.net](mailto:jlowens@guhsd.net). As always, I look forward to hearing from you. **We Are Student Centered**